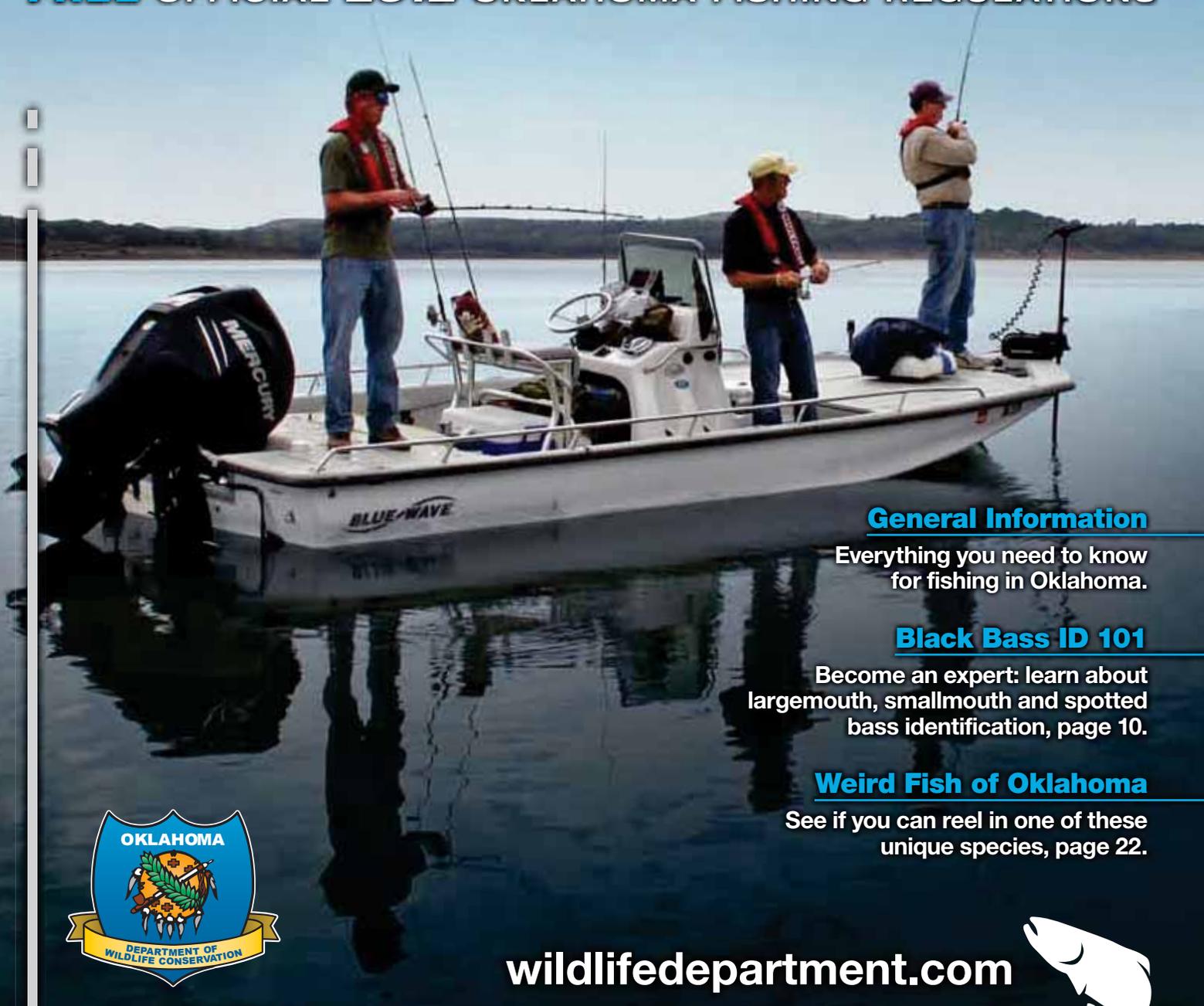


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Three anglers enjoy a late fall fishing trip on Kaw Lake.

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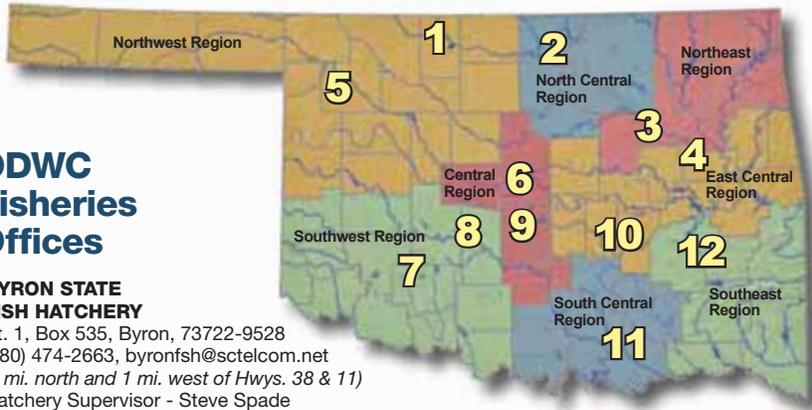


## HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES

- These lakes now have a 14-inch minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass: Broken Bow, Hall, Nanih Waiya, Raymond Gary, Vanderwork.
- The daily limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass for Lake Hefner is six combined, with a 14-inch minimum length limit.
- There is a new statewide daily limit for walleye, sauger and saugeye. Anglers can keep a total of six walleye, sauger and / or saugeye combined per day.
- All of Sooner Lake (including the discharge area) has a daily limit of 20 striped bass, striped bass hybrids and / or white bass combined, of which only five can be 20 inches or longer.
- Lake Arcadia has a daily limit of five striped bass and / or striped bass hybrids combined, of which only two may be 20 inches or longer.
- Bowfishing for paddlefish in the lower Red River is prohibited year-round.
- The use of gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, or haul seines is prohibited statewide.
- Persons must remove all aquatic plants and clean zebra mussels and / or quagga mussels off of boats or trailers and other gear prior to launching boats into Oklahoma waters.



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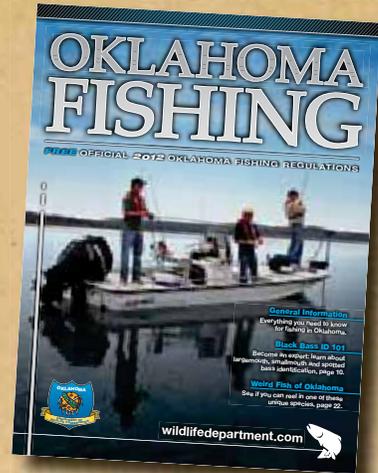
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Fiscal Year Combination, Fishing & Hunting	\$53	July 1 - June 30
2-Day Fishing	\$15	Two consecutive days
Youth Annual Fishing (16 & 17 years old)	\$5	January 1 - December 31
Youth Annual Combination, Fishing & Hunting (16 & 17 years old)	\$9	January 1 - December 31
Youth Fiscal Year Combination, Fishing & Hunting (16 & 17 years old)	\$19	July 1 - June 30
5-Year Fishing	\$88	Five years from date of purchase
5-Year Combination Fishing & Hunting	\$148	Five years from date of purchase
Lifetime Fishing	\$225	Lifetime
Lifetime Combination Fishing & Hunting	\$775	Lifetime
Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting & Fishing (under 60 percent disability)	\$200	Lifetime
Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting & Fishing (60 percent or more disability)	\$25	Lifetime
Lake Texoma (see 1A below)	\$12	January 1 - December 31
Paddlefish	Free	January 1 - December 31
Senior Citizen Fishing (see 2A below)	\$15	Lifetime
Senior Citizen Combination Fishing & Hunting (see 2A below)	\$25	Lifetime
Disability Fishing (see 3A below)	\$10	Five years from date of purchase
Land Access Permit (Honobia Creek & Three Rivers WMAs)	\$40	January 1 - December 31
3-Day Land Access Permit (not valid for fishing or hunting) (Honobia Creek & Three Rivers WMAs)	\$10	Three Consecutive Days
Wildlife Conservation Passport (permit does not provide fishing privileges)	\$26	January 1 - December 31
Fishing Guide License (Cost reduced to \$20 with Coast Guard Mariner credentials)	\$90	January 1 - December 31

Nonresident	Cost	Valid
Annual Fishing	\$55	January 1 - December 31
6-Day Fishing	\$35	Six consecutive days
Lake Texoma (see 1A below)	\$12	January 1 - December 31
Land Access Permit (Honobia Creek and Three Rivers WMAs)	\$85	January 1 - December 31
Paddlefish	Free	January 1 - December 31
Wildlife Conservation Passport (permit does not provide fishing privileges)	\$26	January 1 - December 31
Fishing Guide License (Cost reduced to \$20 with Coast Guard Mariner credentials)	\$90	January 1 - December 31

**1A)** Allows anglers to fish the entire lake without having to purchase a resident or nonresident license. Oklahoma residents with a valid fishing license are not required to purchase this license if only fishing the Oklahoma portion of the lake.

**2A)** Residents who reach 65 years-of-age (or those who turn 65 during the calendar year) are eligible to purchase a Senior Citizen License which is good for the rest of their lives. Anyone born before January 1, 1923, is exempt from the license but must carry proof of age such as a driver's license. Senior Citizen License applications are available through [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com), Department headquarters, field installations and license vendors, but the license is purchased only through Department headquarters.

**3A)** For legal residents who have resided in this state for at least six months and who are receiving Social Security disability, Supplemental Security Income benefits, disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A., Sect. 231a, postal employees receiving disability benefits under 5, U.S.C., Section 8451 (1998), or disability benefits through the Multiple Injury Trust Fund. This license is valid for five years. Can be purchased only through Department headquarters.

## Residency definitions

A "resident" is any individual who has an established residence in Oklahoma for 60 consecutive days prior to submitting a license application, except for lifetime license applicants and senior citizen lifetime license applicants who must have established residency for a period of six months. Any person holding a valid driver license is considered a resident of the state that issued the permit. For a valid Oklahoma driver license to be used as the sole source of proof of residency, it must be at least 60 days from the date the license was issued, except for lifetime license applicants, whose license must have been issued for six months or longer. If a person does not hold a valid Oklahoma driver license, the Department may consider other reliable documentation, such as resident income tax returns, voter registration, motor vehicle or vessel registrations, and other public records documenting residence. Residency for children under 18 years of age is presumed to be that of the custodial parent or legal guardian unless otherwise documented. Persons who own land in Oklahoma but do not live here are considered nonresidents. A person cannot claim multiple states of residence, with the following exception:

- Active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, and any dependents, qualify as residents for the purpose of obtaining an annual license if the person presents valid military documentation.
- The residency status of any person, except active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces and any dependents of the member, shall terminate if the person obtains any resident hunting, fishing, trapping license or permit or valid driver license issued by another state.

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## License Requirements

An Oklahoma resident or nonresident fishing license is required of all persons who take, attempt to take or possess fish or other aquatic dwelling organisms by any method in Oklahoma. Persons fishing the Red River must have a valid Oklahoma fishing license unless exempt.

In addition, persons fishing on waters located within the Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas must have a valid Land Access Permit, unless exempt.

Persons residing in another state who own land in Oklahoma but do not live on that land, and are fishing on that land, must purchase a nonresident fishing license.

All required licenses or written evidence of exemption and identification must be carried while fishing.

## Fishing Guide License:

Fishing guides must possess an Oklahoma fishing guide license. This license costs \$90 unless the guide provides Coast Guard Mariner credentials, in which case the license costs \$20. For a complete list of licensed guides, visit [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com).

## License Exemptions

The following persons are exempt from the resident or nonresident fishing license:

- Residents under 16, and nonresidents under 16 who are residents of AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, NH, NY, NC, ND, OH, TX, or WI.
- Nonresidents under 14.
- Resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by such owner or tenant.
- Nonresidents 65 and older who are residents of Texas.
- Resident disabled veterans with 60 percent or more disability. Call State Dept. of Veterans Affairs, (888) 655-2838 to acquire proof of exemption.
- Any person who fishes with pole and line, trotline or throw line in streams, natural ponds and mine pits in or forming the boundary of the county in which he is a bona fide resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp.
- Any person legally blind or physically impaired who is unable to properly use fishing apparatus and one accompanying companion while the blind or physically impaired person is fishing.
- Persons under 18 who are in legal and physical custody of the State of Oklahoma or its agencies by court order.
- Persons under 18 who are in the custody of a child care facility as defined by Title 10 O.S., Section 402.

## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PASSPORT

The Wildlife Conservation Passport is required of all persons who enter or use the areas listed below for nonhunting and nonfishing related activities, unless exempt.

Individuals who possess any current hunting or fishing license issued by the ODWC (except the 2-day fishing, 6-day fishing or the 5-day hunting license) are exempt from this passport. Also exempt are residents who are under 18 years of age on the first day of the calendar year; and students and instructors participating in bona fide educational tours or activities sponsored or organized by an educational institution or any other organized event sanctioned and approved in advance by the Department.

### Wildlife Management Areas and Fishing Areas:

- American Horse
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- Beaver River
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- Candy Creek
- Carl Etling
- Cherokee
- Cimarron Bluff
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- Cookson
- Cooper
- Cross Timbers
- Deep Fork
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- Drummond Flats
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- Evans Chambers
- Gary Sherrer
- Gist
- Grady County
- Grassy Slough
- Hackberry Flat
- Hall
- Hickory Creek
- James Collins
- Jap Beaver
- John Dahl
- Lexington  
(including Dahlgren Lake)
- Lower Illinois River Public Fishing & Hunting Area - Watts Unit
- Major County
- McCurtain County Wilderness Area
- Nanih Waiya
- Okmulgee
- Osage
- Ozark Plateau
- Ozzie Cobb
- Packsaddle
- Pushmataha
- Robbers Cave
- Sandy Sanders
- Schooler
- Schultz
- Sparrow Hawk
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- Stringtown
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- Washita County
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- Any patient of a state institution in Oklahoma established for the care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency or any person developmentally disabled residing in any group home or other institution or persons developmentally disabled when accompanied by an attendant of such institution or legal guardian or when fishing on institutional property.
- Residents having a proven disability rendering them nonambulatory and confined to wheelchairs as certified by a duly qualified physician.
- Job Corps trainees of this state, having a proper identification card.
- Any person participating in an aquatic education event or clinic sanctioned by the Wildlife Department.
- The following persons are exempt from the purchase of the **Land Access Permit** (Honobia Creek and Three Rivers WMAs): Oklahoma residents under 18 years-of-age on the first day of the current calendar year or those 64 years-of-age or older. All nonresidents are required to purchase an \$85 annual Land Access Permit, no exemptions.

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## Turtle Regulations

Turtles may be taken in all waters with a resident or nonresident fishing license with the provisions listed below. Turtles taken with a firearm require a hunting license. Turtles may be taken year round provided that:

- no more than six turtles per day are taken;
- shooting of turtles on federal reservoirs is prohibited;
- terrestrial (land) turtles may not be sold;
- taking of the western chicken turtle, map turtle, painted and razorback musk turtles and / or alligator snapping turtle is prohibited;
- the Wichita Mountains NWR is closed to turtle harvest;
- no aquatic turtles may be sold or purchased without the proper commercial turtle harvester or buyer's license.

## Bullfrog Regulations

Bullfrogs may be taken with hook and line, gig, spear, bow and arrow or other methods, except firearms, under a resident or nonresident fishing license. Bullfrogs taken with a firearm require a hunting license. Bullfrogs may be taken year-round provided that:

- no more than 15 bullfrogs per day are taken;
- bullfrogs may not be sold or shipped out-of-state;
- the Wichita Mountains NWR is closed to bullfrog harvest.



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## Glossary – Fishing Terms Defined

**Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS)** - aquatic organisms that are not native to Oklahoma and have the potential to harm native organisms, their habitats, human health, or the economy. A few examples are the bighead carp, white perch, rudd, zebra mussel, Eurasian watermilfoil, giant salvinia and alligator weed. See page 14 for more information.

**Artificial flies** - are objects that are constructed to resemble native insects and crustaceans for a body of water. Artificial flies may not be made with soft plastic fish eggs, worms, grubs and larvae; any natural fish food; any human food; any dough bait; any substance to attract fish by taste or smell.

**Barbless hooks** - a hook manufactured without a barb; hooks having manufactured barbs that have been removed or pinched down that renders the barb ineffective.

**Black bass** - largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted (Kentucky) bass.

**Combined daily limit** - some species of similar kind are combined into one daily limit. The combined limit is the total number of those species that can be kept in a day. Example: unless specified otherwise, anglers may keep a combined limit of 15 (total) channel and/or blue catfish, but not 15 each.

**Culling** - releasing fish caught that were placed on a stringer, in a livewell, or otherwise held in possession, often to replace the fish with a larger one. Culling is legal, except paddlefish, trout, striped bass and hybrid striped bass may not be released once held in possession.

**Daily limit** - the maximum number of fish of a given species which an angler may legally keep in a single 24-hour period (midnight to midnight).

**Gaff hook** - a handheld hook or handheld pole with a hook attached that may only be used in the landing of a fish, other than paddlefish, already hooked by hook and line methods.

**Game fish** - largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass, black and white crappie, rainbow and brown trout, sauger, saugeye, walleye, striped bass, white bass, blue and channel catfish.

**“In the Field”** - meaning while fishing, while in the boat, on the bank, in the immediate vicinity of any river, creek, stream, lake or pond, or while transporting or carrying the fish from the waters described above to camp or from such water to the final destination.

**Minimum size limit** - the smallest size of fish that may be kept. All fish caught which are below the minimum size listed for that species must be returned (released) to the water immediately.

**Nongame fish** - all other species not listed as game fish.

**Protected slot limit** - special limit that prohibits keeping fish between certain sizes. All fish caught which are between the size range listed must be returned (released) to the water immediately. Example: a 13 to 16-inch protected slot limit on bass means anglers may not keep any bass caught between 13 to 16 inches in size.

**Tailwaters** - an area that covers the first 1,000 feet below a dam.

**Total length** - term used to describe the correct way to measure a fish. Measure from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with the fish laid flat on a ruler with the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together.

## General Regulations

### It is unlawful to:

- fish without carrying a license or written evidence that you are exempt.
- fish upon the land of another without consent of the owner, lessee or occupant of that land. Anglers must obtain permission to enter any posted or occupied land or land primarily devoted to farming, ranching or forestry purposes. Nothing in this guide shall be interpreted as permitting fishing or allowing access into any area, public or private, without permission from the owners or custodian as required by law. Consent is not valid for more than one year, unless the owner, lessee, or occupant specifically grants consent for a specified period of time.
- catch fish from the waters of this state which are dead or die as a result of angling, and not remove those fish and bury or burn them, except nothing will prevent anglers from returning fish remains to lakes and reservoirs. No person may bury or burn any dead fish where it will become exposed through erosion or where that land is at anytime subject to overflow.
- sell, barter or trade fish, frogs or turtles, except with a commercial license.
- enter, swim, wade, operate a boat or a float or floating device in any safety zone (the water area below any dam for a distance of 50 yards from base of the dam).
- use, operate or park vehicles not registered for use on public roadways under Vehicle Code 47 O.S. 1971, 15-101 through 15-114 on lands owned or managed by the Wildlife Department.

- possess fish, or parts thereof, taken by another person without written information which includes the taker's name, address, license number, date taken and, number and kind of fish, plus name and address of person receiving those fish.
- use and/or place into lakes and reservoirs of this state any container, including but not limited to drums, cans, tubs, boxes or barrels which attract, entice or lure fish into an open cavity within the container.
- possess, consume or use any alcoholic beverage as defined in 37 O.S., Section 163.1 on any lands or waterways subject to the control of the Wildlife Department, except in designated parking or camping areas.
- use or possess any controlled and/or dangerous substance as defined in 63 O.S., Section 2-101 on any lands or waterways subject to the control of the Wildlife Department.
- use jet skis, jet boats and other similar non-propeller-driven watercraft in the upper Illinois River above the confluence with Baron Fork Creek.
- tamper with the trotline, throwline, jugline or limblime of another person without permission from that person.
- stock fish in any public waters including streams and rivers without written consent from the Wildlife Conservation Director.

## Method of Take Regulations

These methods are legal for taking both game and nongame fish throughout the year, statewide, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations" starting on page 16.

**Rod and Reel:** A person may use up to seven rods while fishing unless restricted further under "Special Area Regulations."

**Trotline / Throwlines:** Trotlines/ throwlines are restricted to no more than three lines and 100 hooks per person.

A legal trotline/throwline has:

- no glass or metallic floating device on the line;
- no metallic posts in water for attachment;
- lines made of nonmetallic material only;
- hooks at least 24 inches apart;
- owner's name and address attached to each line;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours;
- not been set within three feet of surface of water at any point beyond six feet from either point of attachment, except at Great Salt Plains and Ft. Supply reservoirs where water is less than three feet deep.

**Jugline:** Juglines are restricted to no more than five hooks per line and 20 juglines per person. A legal jugline is a vertical line sus-

pended from a nonmetallic or nonglass floating device, drifting free or anchored and has:

- owner's name and address attached;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours.

**Limblime:** Limblines are restricted to no more than two hooks per line and 20 limblines per person. A legal limblime is a line attached to a limb, branch, other natural object, or non-metallic manmade material and has:

- the owner's name and address attached;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours.

**Yo-Yo:** Yo-yos are restricted to no more than 20 per person and shall:

- have the owner's name and address attached;
- not be left unattended for more than six hours;
- not be strung or suspended from any horizontal line across any channel or navigable waterway;
- have no more than 10 yo-yo's attached from any one line or support;
- not have metallic material in lines used for attachment;
- have lines no greater than 50 feet in length and must be placed or suspended without restricting or impeding boat traffic. Lines must be visible to boats at all times, day or night.

These methods are legal for taking nongame fish according to the following provisions unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations" starting on page 16.

**Bow and Arrow:** Bowfishing may be used to take nongame fish only, throughout the year in all waters unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations." Legal bowfishing is restricted to:

- any bow (including a crossbow);
- arrows having no more than one point with no more than four barbs on each point;
- devices that permit a bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw are permitted;

**Gig, Grabhook, Spear and Speargun:** Gigs and spears are legal for taking nongame fish and white bass only. Grabhooks (handheld hook, handheld pole of natural or man-made material, or rope with a single hook attached used in the initial taking of a fish) are prohibited in all state waters. Note: SCUBA divers in Delaware and Mayes counties are no longer exempt from the grabhook restriction. Spearguns used by SCUBA divers are legal for taking nongame fish, blue and channel catfish.

Gigs, spears and spearguns shall:

- not contain more than three points with no more than two barbs on each point;
- be lawful in all rivers and streams from Dec. 1 through Mar. 31, and year-round in all reservoirs, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

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Rhonda Hurst

- Gigs shall be lawful year-round in rivers and streams in Delaware and Mayes Counties, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

**Snagging:** Snagging, the dragging of one single hook or one treble hook attached to a fishing line through the water to impale fish, shall be lawful in all waters year-round for nongame fish only unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

**Noodling:** Noodling is the taking of nongame fish by use of hands only. Possession of hooks, gaff hooks, spears, poles or ropes with hooks attached while in the act of noodling shall be proof of violation of the "hands only" noodling law. Noodling shall be lawful year-round in all waters unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

**Netting (Noncommercial):** The use of gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, or haul seines is prohibited statewide.

**Seines, Cast Nets, Trawls and Dip Nets (Noncommercial):** Seining, cast netting, trawling and dip netting bait for personal use is lawful in all waters year-round except Lakes Taft, Lone Chimney, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge), Hefner, Draper, Close to Home Fishing Waters (see page 32), the Wichita Mountains NWR, and in Wildlife Department Fishing Areas (see page 34), however cast nets may be used to take bait for personal use at Lake Carl Etling and on the Illinois River from the south boundary of the MarVal trout camp downstream to the Highway 64 Bridge.

Any person may seine, trap or transport nongame fish commonly used for personal bait, provided the seine does not exceed 20 feet in length and 1/2 inch mesh; unless seining for minnows, then the mesh shall not

exceed 1/4 inch. Minnow traps shall have a mesh size no greater than 1/2 inch, shall not be longer than three feet, shall not exceed 18 inches in diameter on round traps or 18 inches on a side on square or rectangular traps. The trap entrance (throat) cannot exceed two inches across the opening. No person shall fish with more than three minnow traps. All minnow traps must have the owner's name and address attached and the traps must be attended once every 24 hours. All game fish and non-game fish not commonly used for bait must be released immediately. No person may possess with intent to transport or transport via land-based transportation more than 200 non-game fish, including shad, for personal use as bait. The sale, offer for sale, transport from Oklahoma with intent to sell or offer to sell shad taken from Oklahoma waters is prohibited. Minnow traps cannot be made with glass. Cast nets shall have a mesh size no greater than 3/8 inch square. Trawl nets pulled by motor driven boats may not exceed three feet in diameter and 3/8 inch square mesh. Cast nets, trawls and handheld dip nets are lawful for taking nongame fish only as bait for personal use. A resident or nonresident fishing license is required of each person using these methods, unless exempt.

**All other methods for taking both game and nongame fish are illegal.**

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# STATEWIDE DAILY & SIZE LIMITS

Some areas have different regulations. See Pages 16 – 21, "Special Area Regulations" for daily and size limits on specific areas.

SPECIES	DAILY LIMIT (for areas without special regulations)	SIZE LIMIT (for areas without special regulations)
Largemouth and / or Smallmouth Bass	6 (combined)	None
Spotted Bass	None	None
Channel and / or Blue Catfish (A)	15 (combined)	Only one Blue Catfish over 30"
Flathead Catfish (B)	10	20" minimum
White and / or Black Crappie	37 (combined)	None
Striped Bass (C)	15	Only 5 may be 20" or longer
Striped bass hybrids and / or white bass (C)	None	None
Trout (C)	See trout regulations on pages 28-31	
Walleye, Sauger and / or Saugeye	6 (combined)	18" minimum
Paddlefish (C)	See paddlefish regulations on page 25	
Alligator Gar (D)	1	None
(All species not listed have no daily or minimum size limits)		

- A. SCUBA divers with spearguns from May 1 through August 31: Daily limit of three combined, no size limit. Statewide limits apply remainder of the year.
- B. Noodlers and scuba divers from May 1 through August 31: Daily limit of three, 20-inch minimum. Statewide limits apply remainder of year.
- C. Release of paddlefish, trout, striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids caught and placed on a stringer, in a livewell, or otherwise held in possession is prohibited, statewide (no culling).
- D. Alligator gar may be caught by use of rod and reel, trotline, and throwline. Alligator gar taken by bow and arrow, gigs, spears, or spearguns cannot be released. Alligator gar caught and placed on a stringer cannot be released (no culling).

## BLACK BASS (LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, & SPOTTED BASS)

### Statewide Daily Limit:

- Largemouth & Smallmouth – 6 (combined)
- Spotted – None

### Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- Largemouth, Smallmouth & Spotted – None

Check pages 16 - 21 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Black bass is a general term referring to largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass and their hybrids. The three species are similar, but can be easily identified. Since water clarity can affect the color of a fish, color is not a reliable way to tell the basses apart.

An easy way to tell these species apart is by the relationship of the eye and the mouth hinge. On a spotted bass, the mouth hinge lines up vertically with the back edge of the eye; on a smallmouth bass, the mouth hinge vertically lines up with the front edge of the eye; and on a largemouth bass, the mouth hinge vertically lines up well behind the back edge of the eye.



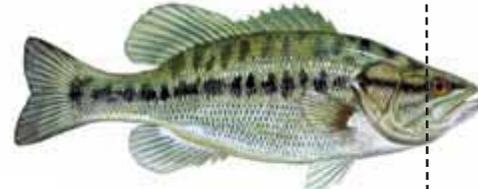
### Largemouth Bass

- Mouth hinge well behind eye
- State record: 14 lbs., 11 oz.



### Smallmouth Bass

- Mouth hinge in front of eye
- State record: 8 lbs., 3 oz



### Spotted Bass

- Mouth hinge even with back edge of eye
- State record: 8 lbs., 2 oz.

**Tongue Patch:** Another way to distinguish black bass is the presence or absence of a tongue patch. The majority of largemouth bass have no patch on their tongue, while smallmouth and spotted bass do have a tongue patch.



Most largemouth bass have no patch on the tongue.



Smallmouth and spotted bass display a patch on the tongue.

# CATFISH

## Statewide Daily Limit:

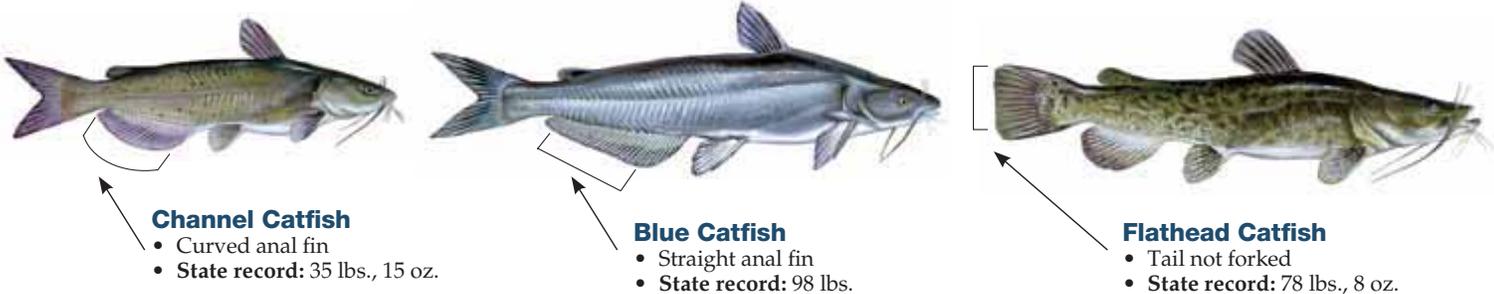
- Channel and / or Blue Catfish combined – 15
- Flathead Catfish – 10

## Statewide Size Limit:

- Channel Catfish – None
- Blue Catfish – Only one over 30"
- Flathead Catfish – 20" minimum

Check pages 16 - 21 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Oklahoma's three most popular catfish species can be identified by either the shape of the anal fin or the shape of the tail. A channel catfish will have a curved anal fin, but the same fin on the blue catfish will be straight across the bottom. Both of these species have a forked tail. In contrast, a flathead catfish's tail will not be forked.



# CRAPPIE

## Statewide Daily Limit:

- 37 (combined white and / or black crappie)

## Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- None

Check pages 16 - 21 for areas with additional daily and size limits

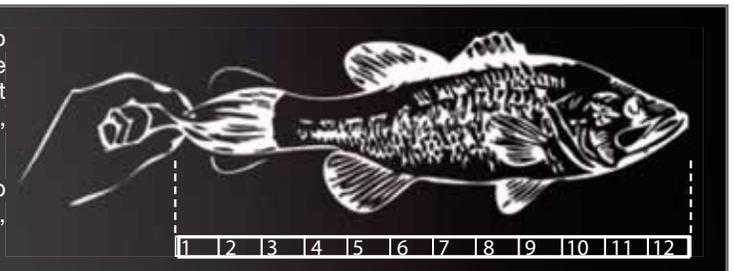
Size and daily limits are the same for the small but tasty black and white crappie. Both types of crappie can appear very similar, so one way anglers can know the difference between the two species is to identify marking patterns or spots / bands on the side of the fish. A white crappie, the most abundant crappie in the state, will have distinct vertical bands of blue/gray spots, whereas a black crappie will have only a sporadic, unrecognizable pattern to its black spots. There is also a difference in the number of bony spines in the dorsal fin: white crappie will have 5 to 6, whereas, black crappie will have 7 to 8.



# DAILY LIMITS & MEASURING FISH

Daily limits are for 24-hour periods (midnight to midnight). No person can have in their possession while in the field more than one daily limit of any fish species. Nonresidents cannot have more than two days limit in their possession at any time, except for paddlefish (see page 25).

When measuring fish, total length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with fish laid flat on a ruler, mouth closed and tail fins pressed together.





# STATEWIDE DAILY & SIZE LIMITS

## STRIPED BASS, HYBRIDS, & WHITE BASS

### Statewide Daily Limit:

- Striped Bass - 15
- Striped Bass Hybrids and / or White Bass - None

### Statewide Size Limit:

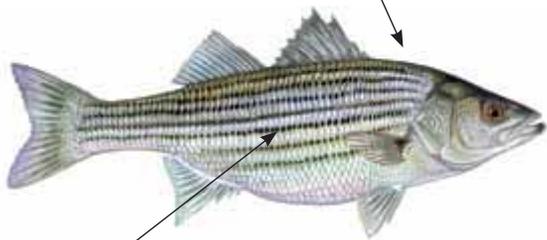
- Striped Bass - Only 5 may be 20" or longer
- Striped Bass Hybrids and / or White Bass - None

Check pages 16 - 21 for areas with additional daily and size limits

White bass, striped bass and striped bass hybrids offer great fishing opportunities around the state. The white bass can be identified by the distinctive arched back just behind its head. It also has only one tongue patch. The striped bass is not arched at the back and has two distinct tongue patches. It is also identified by the dark, usually unbroken lines on each side. The striped bass hybrid, which is a cross between the white bass and the striped bass, has a slightly arched back and has two tongue patches. The lines on a hybrid are usually broken.

### Striped Bass

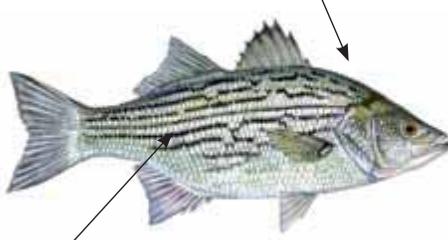
- Back not arched
- State record: 47 lbs., 8 oz.



- Strong, unbroken dark lines

### Striped Bass Hybrid

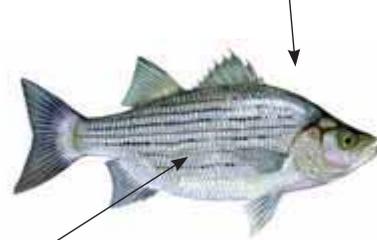
- Back slightly arched
- State record: 23 lbs., 4 oz.



- Some broken lines

### White Bass

- Arched back
- State record: 5 lbs., 4 oz.



- Faint lines, usually unbroken

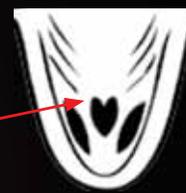
## DISTINGUISHING WHITE BASS

White bass are also distinguished from striped bass and striped bass hybrids by the tongue patch. White bass have a single tongue patch, striped bass and striped bass hybrids have two tongue patches.

DOWNWARD VIEWS INSIDE MOUTH OF LOWER JAW AND TONGUE.



Striped bass and striped bass hybrids



White Bass

Two long patches on tongue

One round or heart-shaped patch on tongue

## TROUT (RAINBOW & BROWN TROUT)

### Statewide Daily Limit:

- Rainbow Trout - 6
- Brown Trout - 6

### Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

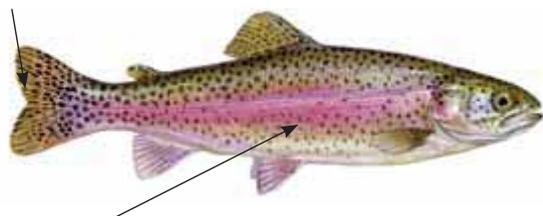
- None

Check pages 28 - 31 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Oklahoma's two trout species can be easily identified. First look at the side of the fish. A rainbow will be iridescent, but the brown trout will have orange and red spots. The rainbow will also have black spots on its tail and a white belly. In comparison, the brown will have few or no black spots on its tail and a cream belly.

### Rainbow Trout

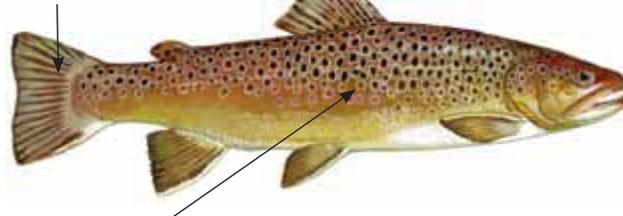
- State record: 10 lbs., 4 oz.
- Black spots on tail



- Iridescence on sides

### Brown Trout

- State record: 17 lbs., 4.6 oz.
- Few or no black spots on tail



- Orange and red spots on side

# WALLEYE, SAUGER, SAUGEYE

## Statewide Daily Limit:

- 6 (combined)

## Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

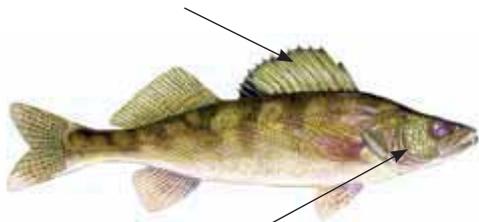
- 18" minimum

Check pages 16 - 21 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Oklahoma is fortunate to have these unique species of the perch family in many of its lakes. To identify them, first look at the spiny dorsal fin. The walleye will have no spots on this fin; the sauger will have distinct spots; and the hybrid of the two species, the saugeye, will have spots and bars in the webbing of its spiny dorsal fin. The color of the fish and the presence or absence of cheek scales may also help identify the difference.

### Walleye

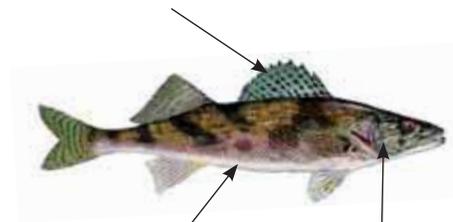
- **State Record:** 12 lbs., 13 oz.
- No spots on spiny dorsal fin



- Few or no cheek scales

### Sauger

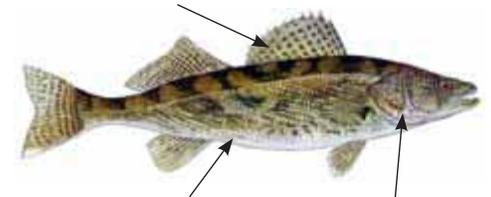
- **State Record:** 5 lbs., 5 oz.
- Distinct spots on spiny dorsal fin



- Tan body with distinct brown blotches
- Cheek covered with scales

### Saugeye

- **State Record:** 10 lbs., 10 oz.
- Spiny dorsal fin with distinct spots and bars in webbing



- Body gold with distinct brown blotches
- Cheek covered with scales

# PADDLEFISH

## Statewide Daily Limit:

- 1

## Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- None

Check page 25 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Oklahoma has a thriving population of paddlefish, also known as spoonbills because of their long, rounded noses. Many paddlefish grow to weigh more than 50 lbs. Read page 25 for all the information you'll need to fish for Oklahoma's prehistoric creatures!



- Distinctive rounded, protruding nose.
- **State Record:** 125 lbs., 7 oz.

# ALLIGATOR GAR

## Statewide Daily Limit:

- 1

## Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- None

Check pages 16 - 21 for areas with additional daily and size limits

The alligator gar is uncommon in most of Oklahoma, but can be found in the Red River watershed. It has large, diamond-shaped scales and two distinct rows of teeth, and can reach a weight of over 100 pounds.



- **State Record:** 192 lbs., 1 oz.

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# AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)

**It's the law:** Persons must remove all aquatic plants and clean zebra mussels and / or quagga mussels off of boats or trailers and other gear prior to launching boats into Oklahoma waters.

## What are ANS?

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are invasive, non-native species that threaten the ecological integrity of aquatic ecosystems in Oklahoma. ANS are brought into the state unknowingly by anglers and boaters who move their boats and equipment from one body of water to another without cleaning them. The species often have no natural predators and can expand their range and population size unchecked, damaging native species and harming lakes, streams, and rivers.

ANS can cause harm to fish populations and other aquatic organisms and can cause dam-water intake structures and clog up waterways. Hydrilla plants can grow thickly in an area, to the point that recreation is limited. Anglers and boaters are vital partners in preventing ANS from spreading.



## As soon as you pull your boat out of the water, follow these steps:

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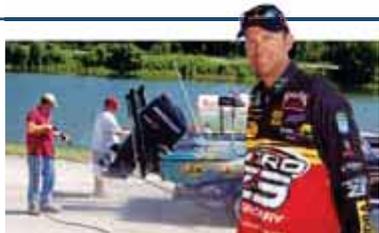
Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment for zebra mussels, mud, plant fragments, seeds, and any other organisms from the water. Remove them.

### Drain:

Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, bait containers, coolers, and ballast.

### Clean or Dry:

Pressure wash the boat, trailer and equipment with hot water (140° F). If pressure wash is not available, allow the boat, trailer and equipment to dry thoroughly for at least five days before visiting a new water body.



Todd Craighead

“Hi, I’m Kevin Van Dam and I make a living fishing all over the country. Unfortunately, zebra mussels are affecting a lot of our fisheries. The best way to stop the spread of them is to power wash your boat and trailer every time you leave a lake. Make sure you do it. I always do mine.”

## TYPES OF ANS



### Zebra Mussels

Zebra mussels are the most widespread ANS in Oklahoma. Quagga mussels are another species of invasive mussels that cause great harm to aquatic ecosystems. They are a close relative of the zebra mussel and are similar in appearance.

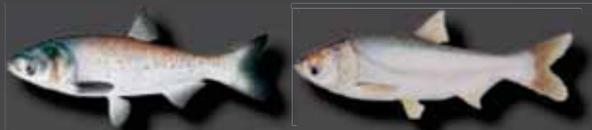
Even though these mussels have not been found in our state, they have infested neighboring states to our west.

### Golden Alga

Golden alga is a microscopic organism that under certain conditions releases a toxin that can kill fish. Golden alga has caused relatively minor fish kills at Lake Texoma and Altus City Lake.



Alga Bloom



### Asian Carp

Bighead and Silver Carp, shown above with bighead on the left and silver carp on the right, are competing for food with native species. Bighead Carp are found in the Neosho and Grand Rivers, Grand Lake, the Red River, and both species have inhabited the Kiamichi River below Hugo Reservoir.

### Didymo

Didymo is an invasive algae that attaches to plants and rocks in stream beds. It is in the Lower Mountain Fork River. Didymo, also known as rock snot, can foul streams and rivers, so anglers are encouraged to take precautions after fishing.



### White Perch

White Perch were accidentally introduced into Kansas, and have moved downstream into Kaw, Keystone and Sooner reservoirs.

Anglers must be careful not to transplant these fish, because they can appear similar to native species such as white bass or shad.



### Hydrilla

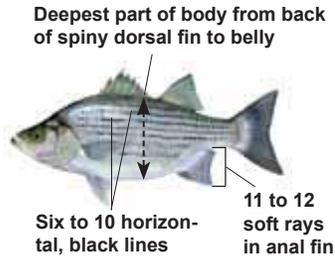
Hydrilla plants are present in Arbuckle Lake, Lake Murray, and Sooner Lake. Hydrilla is possibly the most damaging aquatic plant in the United States. Even a fragment of the plant can start a widespread infestation.



## Distinguishing between White Perch and White Bass

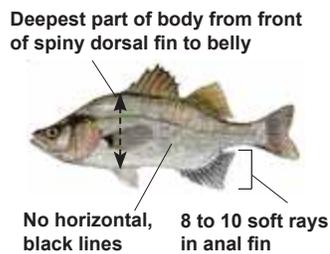
### White bass

- Has 6 to 10 horizontal, black lines on its back and side.
- The deepest part of the body is from the back of the spiny dorsal fin to the belly.
- When the spiny dorsal fin is pulled upright (erect), the soft dorsal fin behind it does not become erect.
- The anal fin has three short spiny rays, with the second spine distinctly shorter than the third spine. Behind the spiny rays are 11 to 12 soft rays.



### White perch

- Has no horizontal, black lines along back or side.
- The deepest part of the body is from the front of the spiny dorsal fin to the belly.
- When the spiny dorsal fin is pulled upright (erect), the soft dorsal fin behind it also becomes erect.
- The anal fin has three short spiny rays, with the second and third spines equal in length and much longer than the first spine. Behind the spiny rays are eight to ten soft rays.



## What your Wildlife Department is doing about the ANS threat

The Wildlife Department's ANS program takes several steps to keep the waters clean in Oklahoma. ODWC proposes and enforces regulations which inhibit the transport and possession of aquatic nuisance species. The department works cooperatively with other state and federal agencies on early detection programs for invasive mussels and fish. The ANS program also secures federal funding for universities to research invasive species and the risk they pose to our state's resources.

Outreach and education make up the forefront of the ANS program. ODWC uses publications such as brochures, species watch cards, and this fishing guide to educate Oklahoma's boaters and anglers about aquatic nuisance species. The fisheries division has also posted "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers" signs at boats ramps throughout the state. These signs create awareness about how to properly clean your boat and equipment to ensure invasive species don't hitch a ride to another lake.

Want more info? Visit [ProtectYourWaters.net](http://ProtectYourWaters.net).

Think you found ANS?

Contact biologist Curtis Tackett at (405) 521-3721.

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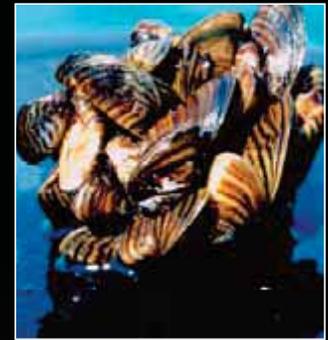
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## ZEBRA MUSSELS INVADE OKLAHOMA

Zebra mussels are a serious threat to Oklahoma sport fish populations. Zebra mussels accumulate on the shells of native mussels and crayfish, smothering their hosts.



### Zebra mussels potentially pose a multi-billion-dollar threat to industrial and public water supplies.

Through both downstream movement and transport by uninformed boaters, zebra mussels have infested several lakes in Oklahoma. Zebra mussels compete with forage fish like minnows and shad for nutrients, and the Wildlife Department has already observed a decline in forage fish in affected waters. Zebra mussels can also be transported in their larval form through the movement of water from one lake to another. It is vital that each boater takes responsibility to prevent the spread of zebra mussels.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

They can be found at Sooner Lake, Kaw Lake, Keystone Lake, Oologah Lake, Skiatook Lake, Ft. Gibson Lake, Eufaula Lake, Texoma Lake, Hudson Lake, Grand Lake, W.R. Holway Lake, Ponca City Lake, Lake Carl Blackwell, Robert S. Kerr Reservoir, Red River, McClellan - Kerr Navigation System, Bluestem Lake, Eucha Lake, Claremore Lake, Arkansas River system and Webbers Falls.

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# SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS

The following water bodies have regulations that differ from statewide regulations for one or more species of fish. Anglers should keep in mind that municipalities, national wildlife refuges and the Chickasaw National Recreation Area (Lake Arbuckle) have the authority to set fishing regulations on waters in their jurisdiction that may differ from either the statewide regulations listed beginning on page 8 or the individual lake regulations listed below. *If an Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) ALERT is listed, please see page 14 for precautions.*

**It is the anglers' responsibility to know what regulations apply to the body of water they are fishing.**

## TAILWATERS

### First 1,000 ft. below any Federal or GRDA dam

Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Unlawful to keep a foul-hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth), unless taken in a tailwater open to snagging. Bowfishing prohibited, except Wister, Eufaula, Ft. Gibson, Keystone, and Hudson which are open. Bowfishing is open on Thunderbird past the first 75 feet from the dam. Gigs, spears and spearguns prohibited, except Hudson which is open. Snagging prohibited, except Ft. Gibson tailwaters are open 24 hours; Wister is open to snagging from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., year-round. Snagging of paddlefish or any fish is closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. year round on the Grand River from the Hwy. 412 bridge upstream to the Markham Ferry (Lake Hudson) dam.

### Salt Fork of the Arkansas River from the spillway of Great Salt Plains Lake downstream to SH 38 bridge

Prohibited method of fishing: bowfishing (see Tailwaters above), trotline, throwline, limblines, jugline and yo-yo.

### Fishing Restrictions for Bureau of Reclamation Tailwaters

The following restrictions apply to these Bureau of Reclamation tailwaters. Closed, year-round: Arbuckle, Ft. Cobb and Foss. First 75 ft. from dam closed: Altus-Lugert, McGee Creek, Tom Steed, and Thunderbird.

## LAKES

### Adair Recreation Area

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only one rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Altus-Lugert

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Walleye and / or saugeye; six per day / 14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.) Striped bass hybrids and / or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

### American Horse

*Attention Anglers- American Horse Lake is undergoing repairs. The lake level will be lowered during the renovations.*

**Daily / Size Limits:** Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Arbuckle

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Hydrilla**

### Arcadia

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass and / or striped bass hybrids; five combined per day, of which only two may be 20 inches or longer.

### Birch

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

### Black Kettle National Grasslands Lakes (Black Kettle, Skipout, Spring Creek)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Prohibited methods of fishing: trotlines, throwlines, limblines, yo-yo's, juglines.

### Broken Bow (from the slab at the Narrows downstream to the dam)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

### Burtschi

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Canton

(includes the lake, upstream to SH 281 and the tailwaters below the dam)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

### Carl Albert

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Carl Blackwell

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

### Carl Etling

*Attention Anglers- Fishing opportunities are limited due to prolonged drought.*

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches. Striped bass hybrids; five per day / no size limit.

**Methods:** One rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

**Note:** For additional trout regulations see page 28.

### Chimney Rock / W.R. Holway

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit.

### Chouteau (includes oxbows and cutoffs)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

### Copan

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

### Crowder (Washita County)

*Attention Anglers- This lake is scheduled for renovation. Additional regulations may be posted at the lake. Fishing opportunities may be limited.*

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day. There is a 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit, of which only one may be 22 inches or longer. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

### Dahlgren

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Draper

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to no more than three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round during daylight hours only. No other method of fishing allowed, including no castnetting.

### Dripping Springs

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day. There is a 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit, of which only one may be 22 inches or longer.

### Ellsworth

**Daily / Size Limits:** Walleye, sauger and saugeye; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwaters also.)

### Elmer

*Attention Anglers- Elmer Lake is currently undergoing renovations and, the lake level will be lowered throughout this process.*

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Elmer Thomas (Wichita Mtns. NWR)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Eufaula

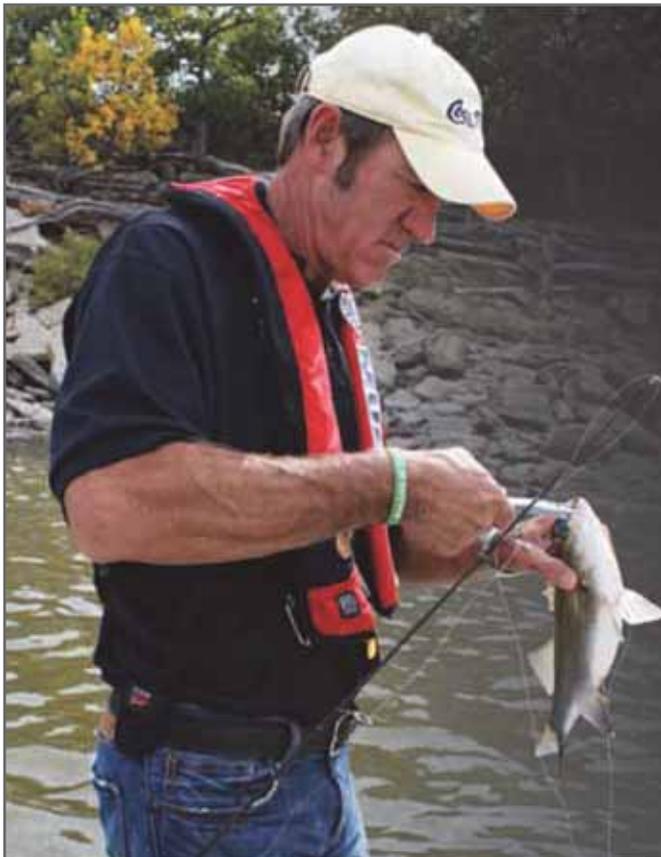
**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Lake Eufaula State Park:

- **Pickens Lake** - Fishing open only to residents under 16 or 65 and older, or those 60 percent or more disabled, or legally blind and those accompanying. Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. No other fishing methods allowed.
- **Kid's Fish Out Lake** - Fishing open only to persons under 16 or 64 and older, or those 60 percent or more disabled, or legally blind or physically impaired and one companion. Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. No other method of fishing allowed.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

## CATCH & RELEASE TIPS



- Land fish quickly.
- Handle fish as little as possible and avoid holding with dry hands, cloths, or gloves to prevent removal of protective slime coating.
- Don't let fish bounce on boat deck, carpet or on shoreline rocks and gravel.
- When using a landing net, soft knotless nylon or rubber nets are better than hard, knotted nylon.
- Grasp most species of fish by the lower jaw and keep fish in the water if possible. Hold them vertically and support large fish with a hand under the belly.
- Remove hooks quickly.
- Return fish back to the water as quickly as you can.
- Use long-nosed pliers or a de-hooking tool to remove deeply embedded hooks. Plans for a hook remover are available free-of-charge at [www.wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/hookout.htm](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/hookout.htm). If the hook cannot be easily removed, cut the line a few inches above the hook and leave it in the fish.
- If you are using bait or lures that are frequently swallowed and deep hooking is likely to be a problem, use barbless hooks or circle hooks. Unhooking your catch with barbless hooks is faster, easier and healthier for the fish.

Ben Davis



## LAKES (Continued)

### Evans Chambers

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Foss

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Walleye and/or saugeye; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

### Ft. Cobb

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Walleye, sauger or saugeye; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

### Ft. Gibson

(includes all tributaries and upstream to Markham Ferry dam)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum. Paddlefish; see regulations on page 25.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

### Grand

(applies to all tributaries and upstream to state line, and to the area below Pensacola dam downstream to SH 82 bridge)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer. Paddlefish; see regulations on page 25.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, Bighead Carp**

### Great Salt Plains

(including lake and tailwaters)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Walleye, sauger or saugeye; six combined per day / no size limit.

### Greenleaf

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

### Hall

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Hefner

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to no more than three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round but during daylight hours only. No other method of fishing allowed, including no castnetting.

### Heyburn

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

### Hudson

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum. Tailwater regulations: see section on page 16. Paddlefish regulations: see page 25.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

### Hugo

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

### Jap Beaver

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Kaw

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels; White Perch**

### Keystone

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels; White Perch**

### Konawa

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day of which only one may be 22-inches or longer. Striped bass, striped bass hybrids and / or

white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel, bowfishing and noodling. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Lawtonka

**Daily / Size Limits:** Walleye, sauger or saugeye; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.) Additional city regulations apply.

### Lone Chimney

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Longmire

**Daily / Size Limits:** City regulations apply.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only rod and reel. No other method of fishing allowed.

### McGee Creek

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day. There is a 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit, of which only one may be 22 inches or longer.

### Murray

**Daily / Size Limits:** Walleye and / or saugeye; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.)

**ANS ALERT: Hydrilla**

### Nanah Waiya

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### Newt Graham

(includes oxbows and cutoffs)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

### Okmulgee

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit.

### Oologah

(including all tributaries to state line and downstream below dam to mouth of Caney River)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass, striped bass hybrids or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

## Ouachita National Forest ponds and lakes

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

## Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th St. bridge)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to no more than three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round but during daylight hours only. No other methods of fishing allowed, including no castnetting.

## Ozzie Cobb

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

## Pawhuska

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only one rod and reel per person during trout season (other times, consult City of Pawhuska for fishing regulations).

**Note:** For additional trout regulations see page 28.

## Pine Creek

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

## Raymond Gary

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

## Robert S. Kerr

(includes oxbows and cutoffs)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Sauger; six per day / 16-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

## Sardis

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

## Schooler

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

## Skiatook

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids (does not include white bass); five per day, of which only two may be 20 inches or longer.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

## Sooner

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass, striped bass hybrids or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel, bowfishing and noodling. No other method of fishing allowed. Fishing is prohibited from dam, fenced area below dam, and north bank of intake channel. Fishing in the buoy-marked intake channel, discharge channel and spillway embankment is bank fishing only (no float tubes or wading).

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels; White Perch; Hydrilla**

## Taft

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel. No other method of fishing allowed.

## Tenkiller (downstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp to dam)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. All crappie; 15 combined per day / 10-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Prohibited methods of fishing: gigs and spears downstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp; speargunning legal when used with SCUBA, except taking flathead catfish from June 15 through July 15 is prohibited.

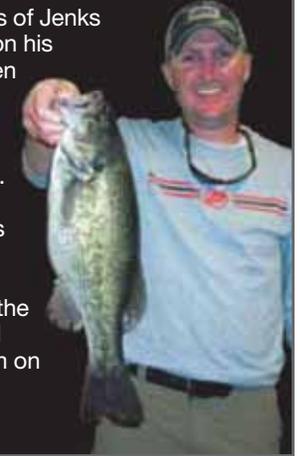
## Texoma

**Note:** Some methods of fishing on the Oklahoma portion of Lake Texoma do not apply to the Texas portion. Check the Texas Fishing Guide for details.)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass; five combined per day / 14-inch minimum for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids; ten combined per day, of which only two may be 20 inches or longer. White bass; 25 per day / no size limit. Channel and/or blue catfish; 15 combined per day / 12-inch minimum. Only one blue catfish over 30 inches. All crap-

## LAKE RECORDS

Bobby Myers of Jenks was fishing on his birthday when he pulled in this unexpected gift - a 3.2 lb. lake record spotted bass caught at Grand Lake. Read about the Lake Record Fish Program on page 24.



pie; 37 combined per day / 10-inch minimum. Flathead catfish; five per day / 20-inch minimum. Alligator gar; from May 1 through May 31, angling for alligator gar by any method is prohibited between the State Hwy 99 / US Hwy 377 bridge upstream to the I-35 bridge.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, Golden Alga**

## Thunderbird

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** Within the Little River above Franklin Road in Cleveland Co. the following methods of fishing are prohibited: bowfishing, gigs and spears, spearguns, snagging, and noodling.

## Tom Steed

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

## Vanderwork

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

## Vincent

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.



## LAKES (Continued)

### Watonga (Roman Nose State Park)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

**Note:** For additional trout regulations see page 28.

### Waurika

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass; 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

### Wayne Wallace

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

### W.D. Mayo (includes oxbows, cutoffs, and below dam to state line)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Sauger; six per day / 16-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels**

### Webbers Falls (includes oxbows and cutoffs)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Sauger; six per day / 16-inch minimum.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, White Perch**

### Wister (from the dam upstream to US Hwy. 271 on Fourche Maline River, to US Hwy. 59 on the Poteau River and to the low water dam, ½ mile above county road # 156 on Holson Creek)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

For tailwater restrictions, see page 16.

## RIVERS AND CREEKS

### Arkansas River (Keystone dam downstream to the OK - AR state line)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Sauger; six per day / 16-inch minimum.

#### Methods:

- From Keystone Dam downstream to I-44 bridge in Tulsa; snagging is prohibited, and keeping a foul-hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth) is prohibited.

- In the tailwaters area immediately below Webbers Falls Lock and Dam; bowfishing, gigs, spears, spearguns and snagging is prohibited in the first 1,000 ft. Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines and yo-yo's are prohibited below Webbers Falls Lock and Dam for a distance of one mile.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, White Perch**

### Baron Fork Creek (see restrictions on fishing methods on Upper Illinois River and Tributaries)

### Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area

**Daily / Size Limits:** All species of black bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches. All crappie; six combined per day / no size limit. Possession limit is twelve (12) of all species of game fish after the first day.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). No other method of fishing allowed.

**Note:** For more trout regulations see pages 28 and 30.

### Lower Canadian River (downstream from Eufaula dam for one mile)

**Methods:** Gigs and spears, spearguns, and snagging prohibited. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

### Caney River (Below Hulah Lake dam)

**Methods:** Bowfishing prohibited from Hulah dam downstream 1,200 ft. to the re-regulation dam. Gigs, spears, spearguns and snagging prohibited from Hulah dam downstream to the confluence of old and new river channels. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

### Flint Creek - (see regulations on fishing methods on Upper Illinois River and Tributaries)

### Glover River from confluence with Little River upstream to the "Forks of the Glover"

**Daily / Size Limits:** All species of black bass; six combined per day / no size limit on largemouth or spotted bass, however, smallmouth bass have a 12-inch minimum of which only three smallmouth greater than 12 inches may be included in the daily limit of six black bass.

### Grand (Neosho) River (below Grand Lake-Pensacola dam)

**Methods:** (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

- Bowfishing prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park and below spillway outlet downstream to highline crossing. The next ½ mile below the highline crossing is closed only when the spillway gates are discharging water and for seven days following closure of the gates.

- Gigs, spears and spearguns are prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below spillway outlets downstream for one mile.

- Snagging is prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below spillway outlets downstream to highline crossing. The next ½ mile below the highline crossing is closed to snagging only when spillway gates are closed.

- Noodling is prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below the spillway outlets downstream to highline crossing, except noodling shall be legal the day of and two days following closure of spillway.

**ANS ALERT: Zebra Mussels, Bighead carp**

### Lower Illinois River (From Tenkiller dam downstream to the confluence of the Arkansas River)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Sauger; six per day / 16-inch minimum. Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum.

**Methods:** From Tenkiller Dam downstream to the Hwy. 64 bridge; fishing limited to one rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

**Note:** For more trout regulations see page 28.

### Upper Illinois River and tributaries (includes Baron Fork Creek and Flint Creek)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Illinois River upstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp, Baron Fork Creek and Flint Creek; all species of black bass; six combined per day/ no size limit on largemouth or spotted bass, however, smallmouth bass have a 9- to 12-inch protected slot limit of which only one smallmouth greater than 12 inches may be included in the daily limit of six black bass.

**Methods:** Snagging and noodling are prohibited at all times. Bowfishing, speargunning, and gigging are prohibited, except for the following methods/seasons:

- Upstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp; bowfishing and speargunning are permitted from Dec. 1 through Mar. 31. Gigging is permitted from Dec. 1 through Mar. 1.
- Upstream from Hwy. 51/62 bridge; gigging is permitted from Dec. 1 through Mar. 31.

### Kiamichi River (below Hugo Lake dam)

**Methods:** Trotlines, throwlines and noodling are prohibited from Hugo dam downstream to first railroad bridge. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

**ANS ALERT: Bighead carp, Silver carp**

### Lee Creek (including Little Lee Creek)

**Daily / Size Limits:** All species of black bass; six combined per day / no size limit on largemouth or spotted bass, however, smallmouth bass have a 9- to 12-inch protected slot limit of which only one smallmouth greater than 12 inches may be included in the daily limit of six black bass.

### Little River below Pine Creek Lake dam

**Methods:** Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, yo-yo's and juglines are prohibited from the dam downstream for a distance of 2,000 ft. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

### Lower Mountain Fork River trout area (below Broken Bow dam)

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

**Note:** For more trout regulations see page 28.  
**ANS ALERT: Didymo**

### Upper Poteau River and Fourche Maline River and tributaries in Le Flore Co.

**Methods:** Prohibited methods of fishing: gigs, spears, and spearguns.

### Lower Poteau River (downstream from Wister dam to ¼ mile past confluence of old and new river channels)

**Methods:** Prohibited methods of fishing: trotlines and throwlines. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations)

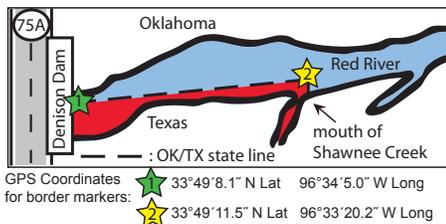
### Quartz Mountain trout area (North Fork of the Red River below Altus-Lugert Lake dam)

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

**Note:** For more trout regulations see page 28.

### Lower Red River (below Lake Texoma)

**Denison Dam downstream to the mouth of the Shawnee Creek:** We advise anglers to meet all fishing license requirements for both Oklahoma and Texas. See map below. If you are fishing in Oklahoma waters, an Oklahoma fishing license is required, unless exempt. If you are fishing in Texas waters, you need a Texas fishing license. A Lake Texoma fishing license is not valid below Denison Dam.



**Mouth of Shawnee Creek downstream (east):** If fishing in the Red River, anglers must possess an Oklahoma fishing license, unless exempt.

#### For all of the Lower Red River:

**Daily / Size Limits:** Striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids; five combined per day / no size limit.

**Methods:** Bowfishing for paddlefish is prohibited year-round. See "Tailwaters" regulations for other daily, size, and fishing method regulations.

**ANS ALERT: Bighead carp**

### Robber's Cave (From Carlton Lake dam downstream 1.5 miles to the State Park boundary)

**Methods:** Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). No other method of fishing allowed.

**Note:** For more trout regulations see page 28.

## OTHER AREAS

### Camp Gruber JMTC

For information on fishing opportunities, open dates and areas, as well as other regulations pertaining to Camp Gruber JMTC, contact OKARNG online at [ok.ngb.army.mil/CGTS/](http://ok.ngb.army.mil/CGTS/) or call the voice phone system at (918) 487-6240.

### Ponds and creeks within the following Dept. of Wildlife Management Areas:

Atoka, Beaver River, Gary Sherrer, Cherokee, Cookson, Ellis Co., Ft. Gibson, James Collins, Robert S Kerr WMA, Lexington, Okmulgee (except in Deep Fork River), Pushmataha, Robbers Cave, Sandy Sanders and Stringtown

**Daily / Size Limits:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass; six combined per day / 14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

### Ponds and creeks within either the Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas

**Special Permits:** All resident anglers age 18 (by December 31 of the previous calendar year) to 63, and all non-resident anglers regardless of age must possess the Land Access Permit to either fish and/or hunt on either the Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas. For additional Honobia/Three Rivers WMA regulations see the Oklahoma Hunting Guide (Regulations).

### Ponds and creeks within other Dept. of Wildlife Management Areas not listed above

**Daily / Size Limits:** Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

### Oklahoma State Park Ponds

**Daily / Size Limits:** Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

### Wichita Mtns. NWR lakes (except Elmer Thomas)

**Daily / Size Limits:** Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day / only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

**Methods:** Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

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# WEIRD FISH OF OKLAHOMA!



## BLUE SUCKER

The blue sucker is an elegantly-streamlined fish, well-suited for life in moving water. It can be identified by its long sloping forehead, a long, sail-shaped dorsal fin and “bumpy” lips. In Oklahoma the blue suckers’ range is restricted to the Grand and Red Rivers. Catches are rare, but are most likely to occur in the lower Red River, particularly near its confluence with the Blue and Kiamichi Rivers.

**Fish Fact:** Huge schools of blue suckers once roamed our nation’s rivers, but their numbers have declined throughout their range. In Oklahoma they are listed as a species of special concern and all catches should be reported to the nearest fisheries office.



## SHOVELNOSE STURGEON

Shovelnose sturgeon are among our most ancient and primitive fishes. Like sharks, sturgeon lack bones and their skeletal system consists entirely of cartilage. Shovelnose sturgeon are well-adapted for life in turbid moving water and can be identified by their spade-shaped heads, bony scutes along the body and a row of four barbels in front of their mouths. Once fairly common and widespread, they are now rarely encountered in the Arkansas and Red Rivers and their tailwaters. The shovelnose sturgeon is occasionally caught by rod and reel fishermen and on trot lines.

**Fish Fact:** Reaching only about four pounds, shovelnose can live up to 30 years, but don’t reach maturity until five- to seven-years-old. In Oklahoma they are listed as a species of special concern and all catches should be reported to the nearest fisheries office.



## ROCK BASS

Rock bass are an Ozark stream species with an appearance similar to other sunfish, but with a large bass-like mouth, cheeks without visible barring and a black gill flap without an orange border. Rock bass are often found in dense cover and are especially fond of root-wads and undercut banks. They readily strike artificial lures, but seldom venture far from cover. Rock bass are also called goggle eye and shadow bass.

**Fish Fact:** Rock bass can readily change their color and pattern to match surrounding backgrounds. They are also intolerant of turbidity and poor water quality, and require cool clear water to survive.



## MOONEYE & GOLDEYE

Mooneye (above) and Goldeye (inset) are both attractive, bright, silvery fish which at first glance resemble shad, but lack a black spot behind their gill flap and have a much wider gape with their mouth situated at the end of their snout. Both species have well-defined teeth on their tongues and jaws. The two species closely resemble each other, but mooneye have a much smaller range in Oklahoma and are encountered less frequently. Both species readily take small jigs and spinners and are often caught in the spring and early summer.

**Fish Fact:** Goldeye and mooneye belong to the Genus *Hiodon* meaning “toothed tongue.” The mooneye prefers clearer water and in Oklahoma is restricted to the Little and Mountain Fork Rivers of McCurtain County.

Most fishermen are aware that our state is home to one of the most diverse and productive fisheries in the nation, but few anglers can name more than a small fraction of the 180 or so fish species swimming in Oklahoma waters. Some of these species are small and relatively ordinary looking, while others have strange body shapes, bizarre appendages or dazzling coloration.

Anglers who hook one of these memorable fish can keep it. Wildlife Department biologists are collecting data on the distribution of these species and would appreciate a call or e-mail whenever a "weird fish" is caught. Here's a brief introduction to some of the lesser known fish species occasionally caught by Oklahoma anglers. Perhaps you will hook one this year!



## BANDED SCULPIN

The banded sculpin is a small fish with a big mouth and an even bigger attitude. Although they seldom exceed five inches in length, banded sculpin readily eat any prey that will fit in their oversized mouths. They are sometimes caught by bottom fishermen. Banded sculpins are found in cool clear Ozark streams of northeast Oklahoma.

**Fish Fact:** Although banded sculpins appear very hardy, they are actually one of our most fragile fish species and can only live in cool Ozark streams with high water quality. They are sometimes seen with green or gold eyes due to retractable lenses that act like sunglasses to shield their eyes from UV light.



## BOWFIN

Bowfin have a long, thick, eel-like appearance with a rounded tail and a long undulating dorsal (often folded down) that reaches nearly to its tail. The head is blunt and snake-like, with two small appendages (called nares) on its upper jaw near its nostrils. Bowfin have very strong jaws lined with sharp teeth and should be handled with caution. Bowfin are found in swampy areas with heavy vegetation. Bowfin are aggressive feeders and readily hit lures. In Oklahoma they mainly occur in southern portions of Choctaw and McCurtain counties.

**Fish Fact:** Bowfin are sometimes called living fossils and are the sole survivors of a family of fish dating to the Jurassic period. They literally outlived the dinosaurs and are capable of gulping air and burrowing in the mud to survive brief periods of drought. They feed mainly on fish and crayfish.



## LOGPERCH

Logperch are one of Oklahoma's most widespread, but little-known fish species. They live primarily in streams but have adapted well to reservoir life and can be found in many lakes throughout the state. Logperch are a very active fish, and live and forage among small rocks and cobble. They often use their noses to flip surprisingly large stones while looking for insects and larvae and are occasionally caught on hook and line.

**Fish Fact:** Logperch are true perch and the largest of Oklahoma's 29 darter species. Most Oklahoma species commonly referred to as "perch" are actually sunfish and in the same family as largemouth bass. Disjunct populations are found in the Wichita Mountains and Fort Cobb area of southwest Oklahoma.



## SKIPJACK HERRING

Skipjack herring are fairly large (up to 18 inches) members of the herring family with large mouths and toothed jaws and tongues. They can be distinguished from mooneye and goldeye by their longer and more-slender body shapes, a protruding lower jaw and sharp saw-tooth-like scales along the keel of the belly. Skipjacks have a clear protective eyelid that covers the front and backs of their eyes. Skipjacks are found in the eastern portions of the Red and Arkansas river systems and are most common below dams where they are sometimes caught on artificial lures such as jigs and small spinners.

**Fish Fact:** Skipjack herring get their name from their tendency to jump when caught on hook and line. In some states they serve as the sole host for endangered mussel species.



## Lake Record

fish program



Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

**What is the biggest fish you've ever caught?** A seven-pound largemouth, a two-pound crappie or a 45-pound blue catfish? While your fish may not have broken a state record, it could very possibly be the biggest fish ever caught out of your favorite lake. The Lake Record fish program was established to recognize big fish and the lakes where they are caught.

### Been to the lake lately? You might have caught a lake record!

The Lake Record Program continues to grow, as more and more anglers find themselves holding a fish that qualifies for a lake record. From lakes large and small, from one side of the state to the other, the Lake Records program recognizes anglers who land a fish that is a record for their lake.

Once an angler catches a fish that might qualify as a lake record, he or she must have their catch certified at a Lake Record Keeper location. For a full list of record keepers, visit our web site, [wildlifedepartment.com/fishing.htm](http://wildlifedepartment.com/fishing.htm)

The minimum weights to qualify your catch in the lake record program must be larger than a 6 lb. largemouth bass; 4 lb. smallmouth bass; 2 lb. spotted bass; 2 lb. crappie; 15 lb. channel catfish; 40 lb. blue or flathead catfish; 3 lb. white bass; 20 lb. striped bass; 8 lb. hybrid; 5 lb. walleye/saugeye; 1 lb. sunfish or a 40 lb. paddlefish.

#### Lakes participating in the program include:

- Altus Lugert
- Arbuckle
- Arcadia
- Birch
- Broken Bow
- Canton
- Choteau
- Comanche
- Cushing
- Dripping Springs
- El Reno
- Eufaula
- Foss
- Ft. Cobb
- Ft. Gibson
- Ft. Supply
- Grand
- Hefner
- Holdenville
- Hudson
- Hugo
- Kaw
- Keystone
- Konawa
- Lawtonka
- Longmire
- McGee Creek
- Murray
- Okemah
- Okmulgee
- Oologah
- Overholser
- Pine Creek
- Purcell
- R. S. Kerr
- Sardis
- Shawnee Twin
- Skiatook
- Sooner
- Stanley Draper
- Tecumseh
- Tenkiller
- Texoma
- Thunderbird
- Tom Steed
- W.D. Mayo
- Waurika
- Webbers Falls
- Wetumka
- Wes Watkins
- Wister

## FEATURED ANGLER



1.2 lb. lake record sunfish caught at Broken Bow Lake on July 11, 2011, by Maysa Weeks of Rufe, OK. The sunfish had a length of 11.5 inches and a girth of 11 inches.

Maysa and her twin sister, Myka were practicing for an upcoming kid's fishing tournament. The girls and their family were trolling crankbaits in the Carson Creek area of Broken Bow Lake. The girls had already caught several nice fish including walleye, crappie and sand bass when the big one hit. At first they thought they snagged a good-sized sand bass because the fish was fighting pretty well. When Maysa finally got the fish to the boat and in the net, everyone was amazed at the size of it. Her father told her, "That's the biggest sunfish I've ever seen!"

He placed the fish in the livewell and they continued fishing. The girls went on to catch more fish, including some nice bass. When leaving the lake it occurred to Maysa's Dad that this fish might be a lake record. The family stopped at Frontier General Store to check the current record for sunfish and found out there had never been one checked in. The workers at the store were very excited and eager to help. Since the fish was a record, Maysa's parents decided to have it mounted for her.

Her father said, "The lake record program is a great way to acknowledge anglers' accomplishments and to promote tourism and recreation and I would like to thank the ODWC for starting it."



On the left, this 3.4 lb. lake record spotted bass was caught at Lake Eufaula on July 30, 2011, by Dusty Keener of McAlester, OK. On the right, this 12.7 lb. lake record largemouth bass was caught at Lawtonka Lake on June 4, 2011, by Noel Reeves of Duncan, OK.



## Paddlefish Regulations

Paddlefish daily limits are one per day on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, statewide; catch and release of paddlefish only on Mondays and Fridays, statewide. Anglers cannot possess a paddlefish while in the field on Mondays or Fridays.

Once you keep a fish, you must stop paddlefish fishing (snagging) for the day.

The following restrictions apply to paddlefish harvest at all times.

1. Paddlefish angling by all methods is closed on the Spring River from the Highway 60 bridge upstream to the Kansas state line. Snagging of paddlefish or any fish is closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. year round on the Grand River from the Hwy. 412 bridge upstream to the Markham Ferry (Lake Hudson) dam.
2. Residents and nonresidents must obtain a free paddlefish permit in addition to a fishing license before fishing for paddlefish. Paddlefish anglers can obtain their free permit online at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) or by contacting fishing license dealers or any Department of Wildlife office in the state (see Fisheries Contacts, page 2).
3. Residents and nonresidents may only have one paddlefish in their possession in the field. Nonresidents may not have more than four paddlefish in possession at any other time.
4. Catch and release of paddlefish by use of rod and reel, trotlines and throwlines is allowed, year-round. Paddlefish must be released immediately after being caught, unless kept for the daily limit. Anglers fishing trotlines or throwlines must release all paddlefish before leaving their lines (unless keeping one for a daily limit).
5. Paddlefish taken by bowfishing, gigs, spears and spearguns cannot be released. These methods cannot be used on Mondays and Fridays.
6. Paddlefish not immediately released are considered kept, and **must be tagged immediately with the angler's paddlefish permit number. Additionally, the date and time of harvest must be recorded on the paddlefish permit.** Under no circumstances can any paddlefish be caught, kept, then later released (no culling).
7. Each cleaned paddlefish and its parts (carcass, meat, or eggs) must also be tagged and kept separate from all other cleaned paddlefish or paddlefish parts. Each person must keep their own paddlefish distinctly separate from paddlefish taken by others.
8. Paddlefish and paddlefish parts must remain tagged until the person in possession of the paddlefish and/or parts reaches their residence.

9. When snagging for paddlefish, anglers are allowed only one hook (one single hook or one treble hook) and all hooks must have the barbs removed or completely closed. Anglers must stop snagging when a daily limit of one fish is kept.
10. When landing a paddlefish, it is illegal to use "Gaff hooks" or any other techniques or devices that injure the fish, unless the angler is bowfishing.
11. No person can possess the eggs of more than one paddlefish that are still attached to the egg membrane. In addition, no person can possess more than three pounds of either processed paddlefish eggs or fresh paddlefish eggs removed from the membrane. "Processed eggs" are any eggs taken from a paddlefish that have gone through a process which makes the eggs into the product caviar or into a caviar-like product.
12. No person can ship into or out of, transport into or out of, have in possession with the intent to so transport, or cause to be removed from this state raw unprocessed, processed, or frozen paddlefish eggs.
13. All paddlefish must have all viscera (internal organs) removed before leaving the state.

**Note:** For information on fishing below dams for paddlefish, see "Tailwaters" on page 16.

## PADDLEFISH RESEARCH & PROCESSING CENTER

**NEW LOCATION!**

### Where is the Paddlefish Research and Processing Center (RPC)?

The Paddlefish RPC is located off OK Hwy 137, about two miles south of OK Hwy 10. Wildlife Department employees will pick up fish from bank and boat anglers. To arrange for a pick up, contact the center at (918) 542-9422. For other questions, contact the Paddlefish Program Coordinator at (918) 533-7113 or NE Region Supervisor Brent Gordon at (918) 686-3673.

### What is the Paddlefish RPC?

- The primary functions of the RPC are to collect important biological data for the Department's paddlefish management plan, process paddlefish meat for anglers and salvage paddlefish eggs.
- The center is open March 1 to April 30, except closed Mondays and Fridays. Anglers are able to bring their catch to the RPC for cleaning and processing. They take home meat from their own fish that has been safely cleaned and packaged.





# OKLAHOMA RECORD FISH

\* *New Records in blue*

## Rod and Reel Record Fish

Common Name	Lbs.	Ozs.	Length	Girth	Where	When	Angler
Bass, Largemouth	14	11	28	22 3/4	Broken Bow	3-14-99	William Cross
Bass, Smallmouth	8	3	23 1/2	19	Eufaula Lake	3-4-06	Steve McLarty
Bass, Spotted	8	2	23 1/2	17 1/2	Pittsburg Co. Pond	6-27-58	O. J. Stone
Bass, Striped	47	8	48	30	Lower Illinois River	6-10-96	Louis Parker
Bass, White	5	4	21	15	Lake Eufaula	10-26-84	Paul Grace
Bass, Hybrid Black	8	5.6	22 3/4	16 1/2	Veterans Lake	3-27-06	Dru Kinslow
Bass, Hybrid Striped	23	4	33 1/2	27	Altus-Lugert Lake	4-1-97	Paul Hollister
Bass, Hybrid Yellow	2	5	15 3/4	12 5/8	Kiamichi River	3-26-91	George R. Edwards
Buffalo, Bigmouth	59	15	43 3/4	33 1/2	Greenleaf	11-12-88	Leroy Broaddrick
Buffalo, Black	22	4	35	23 1/4	Fort Gibson Lake	4-2-10	Dale Dampf
Buffalo, Smallmouth	44	2	35	31	Konawa Reservoir	8-15-07	Marvin Williams
Bullhead, Black	6	13	18 5/8	17 3/4	Jackson Co. Pond	5-24-84	Gary Cole
Carp, Common	39	10.4	39 1/4	30 3/4	Grady Co. Pond	4-23-02	Brandon Hughes
Carp, Grass	68	15.2	49	34	Chelsea City Lake	4-5-08	Jereme Budgick
Carp sucker, River	7	11	24	17	Canadian Co. Pond	4-18-90	W.C. "Bill" Kenyon
Catfish, Blue	98		54 1/2	39 1/2	Lake Texoma	11-11-04	Billy Nabors
Catfish, Channel	35	15	39 1/4	26 1/4	Taft Lake	9-11-05	Gary Doak, Jr.
Catfish, Flathead	78	8	51	36 1/2	El Reno City Lake	5-11-10	Richard Williams
Crappie, Black	4	10	20 1/4	17 3/4	Ottawa Co. Pond	6-16-74	Rollie Williams
Crappie, White	4	15	19	16 1/4	Kingfisher Co. Pond	5-4-91	Frank Robinson
Drum, Freshwater	38		41 3/4	28 3/4	Tenkiller Lake	5-23-76	Harold Phillips
Eel, American	5	7	39 1/2	9 7/8	Lower Illinois River	6-3-95	Dolores Munsell
Gar, Alligator	192	1	91 1/2	39	Red River	1-27-11	James Tucker
Gar, Longnose	41		62	21 1/2	Red River	1-3-88	Dean Pittman
Gar, Shortnose	5	9.6	32 1/2	10 1/2	Pittsburg Co. Pond	8-16-03	Robert Byrd
Goldeye	2	8	18 5/8	10 3/4	Arkansas River	4-27-96	James R. Smith
Grass Pickerel		7	13	5 1/8	Beaver Creek	3-17-95	Barry Bryant
Herring, Skipjack	3	6	19	13 3/8	Eufaula Tailwaters	4-3-92	Bobby Moore
Paddlefish	125	7	55	41 1/4	Arkansas River	4-10-11	Aaron Stone
Pickerel, Chain	2	10	22 1/2	9 1/2	Lower Mt. Fork River	4-22-82	Eric Lowe
Pike, Northern	36	8	44		Lake Carl Etling	6-13-76	Raymond Fernandez
Redhorse, River	8	5	28 1/2	17 1/8	Illinois River	2-11-77	Willis Pippin
Sauger	5	5	23	14	Kerr Reservoir	1-18-81	Chet Munds
Saugeye	10	10	28 1/4	19	Fort Cobb Lake	2-24-06	Curt Wilkerson
Sunfish, Bluegill	2	6	12 3/4	14 1/2	Kay Co. Pond	5-8-87	Tom Shorter
Sunfish, Green	2	7	13	14 1/4	Pontotoc Co. Pond	10-16-72	Eddie Shulanberger
Sunfish, Hybrid	1	14	12 3/8	13 7/8	Bryan Co. Pond	5-24-97	Hal Smith
Sunfish, Redear	2	1	12 3/4	13	Logan Co. Pond	11-15-73	Ruby Lee Farmer
Trout, Brown	17	4.6	32 3/4	20	Lower Mtn. Fork River	4-10-05	Jason Archie
Trout, Rainbow	10	4	27	16	Lower Illinois River	7-3-66	Billy Payne
Walleye	12	13	30 3/8	19 1/2	Robert S. Kerr	5-8-04	Kerry Carter

## Unrestricted Division Record Fish

Common Name	Lbs.	Ozs.	Length	Girth	Where	When	Angler / Method
Buffalo, Black	57	12	43 1/4	31	Tenkiller Lake	6-30-84	Chester Penn / trotline
Buffalo, Smallmouth	50	4	39 1/2	33 1/2	Broken Bow Lake	5-20-10	Rickey Smith / trotline
Carp, Common	48	13	40	32	Broken Bow Lake	5-16-10	Scotty Littles / bow & arrow
Carp, Grass	77		53	36 1/4	Arbuckle Lake	7-30-02	Brandon Taber/bow & arrow
Carp sucker, River	8	11.8	24 3/4	18	Ft. Cobb Lake	4-25-10	Jeffrey Ray / bow & arrow
Catfish, Blue	118	8	57	41 3/4	Lake Texoma	5-4-88	Dan Grider / jugline
Catfish, Flathead	106		60	39 1/2	Wister Lake	4-5-77	C. Clubb / trotline
Eel, American	5	8.7	40	9 3/4	Webbers Falls	8-15-02	Billy Davison / trotline
Gar, Shortnose	9	11.5	43 1/4	13 3/8	Kaw Dam Tailwaters	9-2-07	Dwayne Carter/bow & arrow
Gar, Spotted	9	12.8	37 1/4	13.5	Arbuckle Lake	4-19-08	Jimmy Nelson / bow & arrow
Hogsucker, Northern	2	1	15 5/8	9 1/4	Illinois River	3-15-10	Clint Williams / gigging
Paddlefish	134		55	44	Grand Lake	8-13-92	Charles Ham / trotline
Redhorse, Black	5	11	25 3/4	12 3/4	Illinois River	12-6-09	Brandon Taber/bow & arrow
Redhorse, Golden	8	12	29	16 1/4	Illinois River	3-16-08	Everett Noblin, Jr. / gigging
Redhorse, River	10	19	28 1/2	15	Illinois River	3-17-10	Carl Williams / gigging
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	2	15	29	8 1/2	Arkansas River	10-12-97	Paul R. Forman / throw line

## How to Certify a State Record

1. Fish **must** be caught on rod and line and must be hooked and played by only one person. (Except for unrestricted division, which recognizes fish species taken by legal means other than rod and reel (such as bow and arrow, gig, spear, trotline, jugline, limblime, etc.) These records must tie or exceed the weight of the existing rod and reel record.)
2. Fish **must** be caught in accordance with Oklahoma fishing regulations.
3. No fish caught from any hatchery or commercial put-and-take lake is eligible.
4. Accredited or certified weight scales **must** be used to weigh the fish. Accredited steel measuring tapes **must** be used to measure the fish. The fish should be measured from tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with fish laid flat on a ruler, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together, giving length of fish in inches. Measure the girth of the fish in inches around its widest point. Three witnesses, one of which must be an employee of the Wildlife Department, must witness the weighing and measuring of the fish and sign the affidavit.
5. The fish may be frozen, but must be in a thawed, natural, live-weight condition when approved by a Wildlife Department biologist or technician. Preserve the fish until you receive an official letter of verification from the Director of the Wildlife Department.



6. A clear photograph showing a close-up side view of the fish must accompany the completed fish affidavit form. All photographs become the property of the Wildlife Department.
7. The Wildlife Department reserves the right to collect fish scale, tissue or spine samples to check fish identification and to refuse any questionable fish affidavit submitted. The affidavit must be submitted within 30 days of the date the fish is caught.
8. With the exception of grass carp, no restricted exotic species will be eligible for state record fish recognition.

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## General Trout Regulations

### License Requirements:

- A resident or nonresident fishing license is required of all persons who take or attempt to take fish, including trout, unless otherwise exempt.
- A trout license is **no longer required** because it is included in the resident or nonresident fishing license.

### Trout Seasons:

See map and description of each state-designated trout area.

### Method of Taking:

- It is unlawful to take fish from state designated trout areas during trout season by any means except one rod and reel (or one pole and line).
- Trout caught and placed on a stringer or otherwise held in possession cannot be released (no culling.)

### Daily & Size Limits:

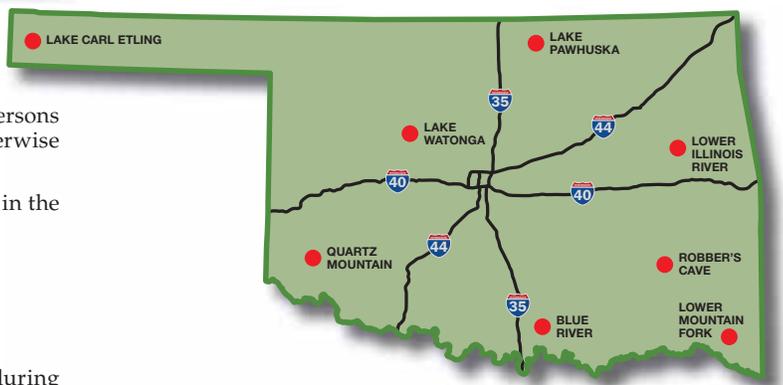
- Daily limit is six rainbow trout in all state designated trout areas except in portions of the Blue River, the Lower Illinois River and the Lower Mt. Fork River (See maps and descriptions on pages 28-31)
- There is no minimum size limit for rainbow trout at any state designated trout area except in portions of the Lower Illinois River and the Lower Mt. Fork River (See maps and descriptions on pages 29 and 30.)
- Daily limit for brown trout is six with no minimum size limit, except at the Lower Mountain Fork River and Lower Illinois River where the daily limit is one; size limit: 20-inch minimum, with a possession limit of two after the first day.

### Possession Limit:

No person shall have in their possession in the field more than one daily limit of any trout species. After the first day, no person shall have more than 12 rainbow trout and 12 brown trout in their possession, except at the Lower Mountain Fork River and Lower Illinois River where the possession limit for brown trout is two. Nonresidents shall not have more than two day's limit of any trout species upon leaving the state.

### Trout Fishing Tips:

Oklahoma has two introduced species of trout, rainbows and browns. Of the two, rainbows are far more abundant. Brown trout are stocked in the Lower Mountain Fork River below Broken Bow dam and in the



Lower Illinois River when available, while rainbows are usually stocked every two weeks at all eight of the state's trout areas during designated trout seasons. Anglers can use the following tips to help them put trout on the stringer:

- For the trout stocking schedules of all trout areas statewide, log on to [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com).
- Use an ultra-light rod and reel spooled with six pound or lighter line to produce more strikes.
- Small spinners, spoons and crappie size jigs (tube or maribou) are good artificial lures.
- Fishing with live or prepared bait such as worms, power baits and salmon eggs is very productive where legal.
- Try small hooks (size 10 to 18) and sinkers to keep bait near the bottom and prevent trout from detecting any resistance.
- Fish during the early morning and late afternoons for best action.
- Concentrate on fishing around structure such as behind large rocks, logs and below riffles. Trout also tend to congregate above and below waterfalls, in and around deep pools and undercut banks.
- Rainbows tend to occupy faster moving water while browns may be found in more slack stretches.
- Trout face upstream to wait for insects to appear above them.
- Fly fishermen should try to fish with flies that resemble the insects and crustaceans that are most seasonally abundant.
- Fishing often improves a few days after stocking when trout have adjusted to their new environment.

## TROUT AREA INFORMATION

### Lake Watonga

#### Trout Season

Trout are stocked from Nov. 1 through March 31 of the following year.

#### Designated Trout Area / Size / Location

Seven miles north of Watonga in Blaine County. 55-acre lake located within Roman Nose State Park.

#### Bank Access/Boat Ramps

Bank access and a boat ramp on the west side of the lake.

#### Notes of Interest

Camping and lodge facilities are available within Roman Nose state park. For information, call the park at (580) 623-4215.

### Lake Pawhuska

#### Trout Season

Trout are stocked from November 1 through March 31 of the following year.

#### Designated Trout Area / Size / Location

96-acre lake located 3 miles west of Pawhuska on U.S. Hwy. 60 and 1.75 miles south on county road in Osage County.

#### Bank Access / Boat Ramps

Public-use facilities include a boat ramp, boat/fishing dock, parking area and restrooms – all handicap-accessible.

#### Notes of Interest

Camping at Lake Pawhuska is limited to primitive sites. Camp sites with electrical hook-ups available at nearby Lake Bluestem.

#### Special Regulations

City of Pawhuska requires a boating permit to launch a boat. For information call: (918) 287-3040.

## Lower Illinois River

### Trout Season:

Year round.

### Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:

7.75 miles of Illinois River from Tenkiller Dam to Hwy. 64 bridge near Gore in Sequoyah County.

### Bank Access / Boat Ramps:

The Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area – Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit offers public fishing access to almost one mile of the trout stream and 320 acres of public hunting opportunity (see map). To reach the area, travel north on SH 100 from Gore approximately four miles. Turn east onto county road E0990 and travel approximately one mile to the entrance. Park in the designated parking area only. The area is managed for walk-in access only.

Four other public access sites are available along the state designated trout stream, including a pool off the river located immediately below the dam which allows trout fishing even during high power generation. Another good site is located at the River Road Public Access Area about six miles downstream from the dam. The Gore Landing Public Access Area, operated by the city of Gore (918) 489-2636, offers camping and a boat launching ramp.

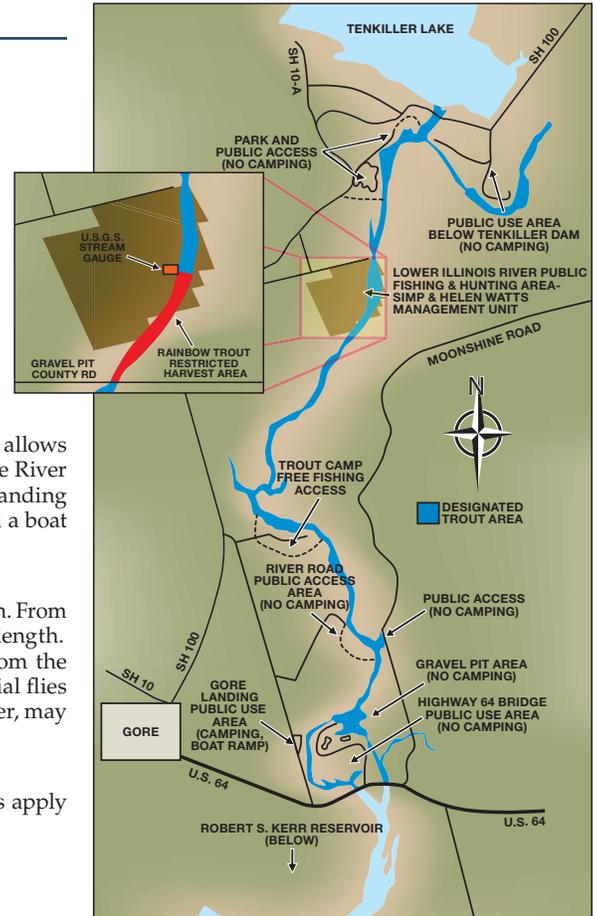
### Special Regulations: Daily limit

Brown trout – one over 20 inches in length. Rainbow trout – six, no minimum length. From USGS stream gauge downstream to Gravel Pit County Road: one over 20 inches in length.

Fishing in the Lower Illinois River Simp & Helen Watts Management Unit from the USGS stream gauge downstream to Gravel Pit County Road is restricted to artificial flies and lures only and barbless hooks only, except that single barbed hooks 3/0 or larger, may be used only when fishing with natural bait.

### Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area

Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit – all general trout fishing regulations apply (see page 28). No overnight camping is allowed on the area.





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# TROUT AREA INFORMATION

## Lower Mountain Fork River

### Trout Season:

Year round.

### Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:

12 mile portion of the Lower Mountain Fork River and its tributaries from the Broken Bow Reservoir spillway downstream to the U.S. Hwy 70 bridge. About five miles of this designated trout stream lies within Beaver's Bend State Park, in McCurtain County.

### Bank Access / Boat Ramps:

Bank access is unlimited within the state park and downstream to the Re-regulation Dam. Another public access point exists at Presbyterian Falls. Boat ramps are located just upstream of and below the Re-regulation Dam.

### Notes of Interest:

Camping and cabin facilities are available within Beaver's Bend State Park and below the Re-regulation Dam. For information call the park at (580) 494-6300.

### Trout Regulations:

- Brown trout - Daily limit: one; size limit: 20-inch minimum.
- Rainbow trout - Daily limit: six combined from Red and Blue Zones. See Zone regulations below.

### Special Regulations by Zone:

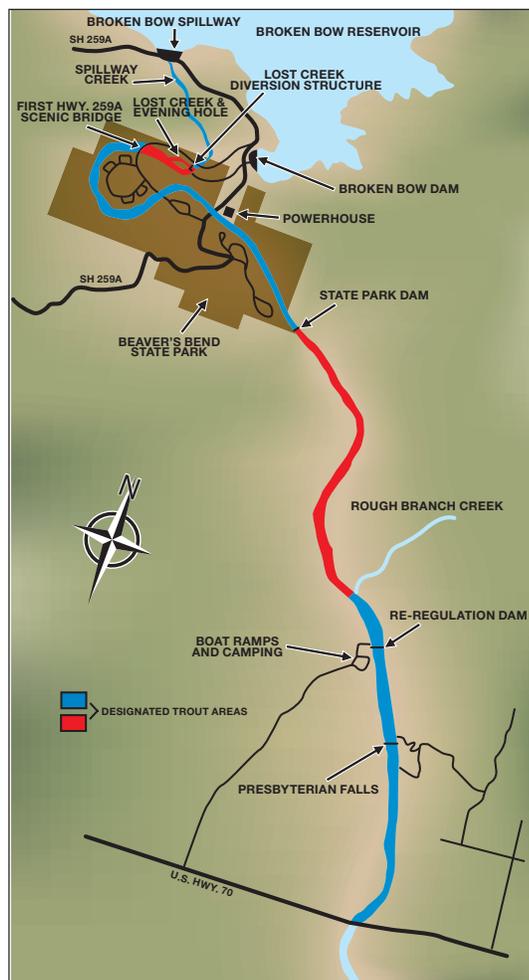
**Blue Zones:** (From the Broken Bow Reservoir spillway downstream to the Lost Creek diversion structure; from the first Hwy 259A scenic bridge downstream to the State Park Dam; and from the mouth of Rough Branch Creek downstream to Hwy.

70 bridge):

- Rainbow trout - Daily limit: six; no minimum size limit.
- Use of bait and barbed hooks is permitted.

**Red Zones:** (From the Lost Creek diversion structure downstream to the first Hwy. 259A scenic bridge, including the Lost Creek channel; and from the State Park Dam downstream to the mouth of Rough Branch Creek):

- Rainbow trout - Daily limit: one; Size limit: 20-inch minimum.
- Possession of any trout less than 20-inches is prohibited.
- Use of bait or barbed hooks is prohibited in the Red Zone. Fishing is restricted to barbless hooks, artificial flies and artificial lures only.



**ANS Alert** - Didymo, an aquatic nuisance species commonly referred to as "rock snot," has been identified in the Lower Mountain Fork River. To prevent spreading this undesirable organism, please clean and dry waders and other fishing equipment after use in the Lower Mountain Fork River.

## Blue River

### Trout Season:

Trout are stocked from November 1 through March 31 of the following year.

### Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:

6.25 miles of Blue River flows through the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area located in Johnston County, four miles east of Tishomingo on Hwy. 78 and six miles north.

### Bank Access:

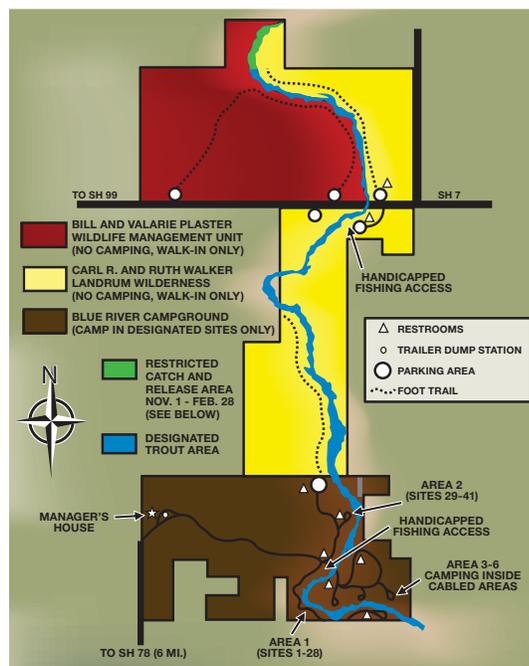
Bank/wading access is available throughout the area (see accompanying map).

### Notes of Interest:

Camping facilities available only at the Blue River Campground area (see map). Special access is provided for handicapped persons confined to wheelchairs. For information, call (580) 443-5728. For complete public use restrictions, see page 35.

### Special Regulations:

From Nov. 1 to Feb. 28, the portion of the Blue River which enters the north side of the property and flows to the end of the first walk in trail is catch and release only. (See shaded area on map.) Fishing is restricted to barbless hooks, artificial flies and lures only. Starting March 1, special regulations do not apply. Also, NO CAMPING and NO VEHICLES are allowed except in designated parking areas of the Carl R. and Ruth Walker Landrum Wilderness and the Bill and Valerie Plaster Wildlife Management Unit. Nonhunting and nonfishing visitors to the area are required to possess a Wildlife Conservation Passport, unless exempt (see page 6).



## Robber's Cave

### Trout Season:

Trout are stocked from November 1 through March 15 of the following year.

### Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:

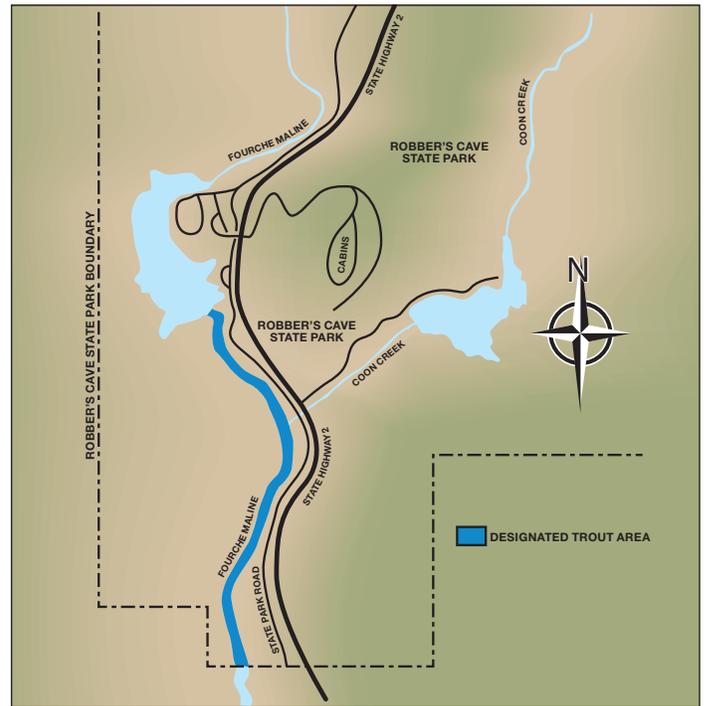
1.5 miles of Fourche Maline River immediately below Carlton Lake Dam downstream to the southern boundary of Robbers Cave State Park, located in Latimer County, five miles north of Wilburton on State Hwy. 2.

### Bank Access:

Bank access is good because the entire designated trout stream lies within Robbers Cave State Park.

### Notes of Interest:

Camping and cabin facilities are available within the state park. For information call: (918) 465-2565.



## Quartz Mountain

### Trout Season:

Trout are stocked from November 1 through March 15 of the following year.

### Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:

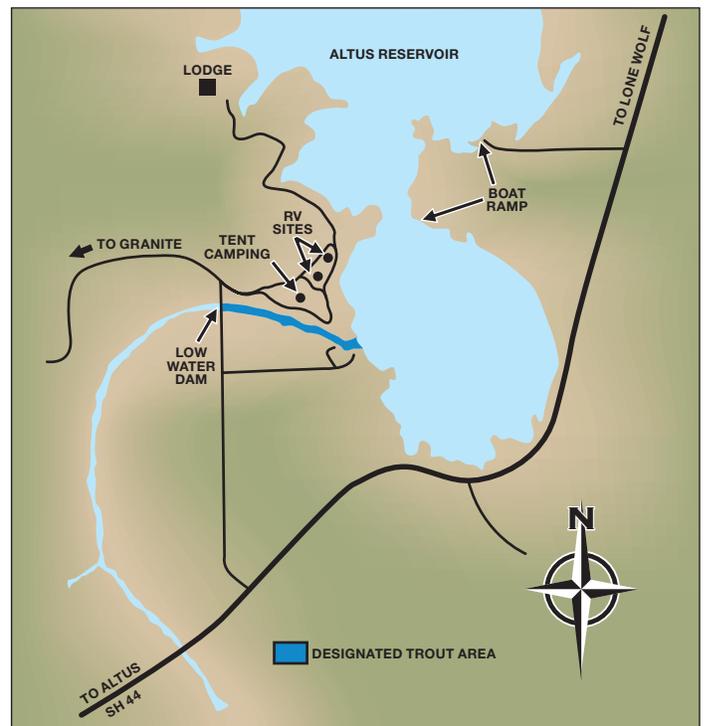
North Fork of the Red River from Altus-Lugert Dam downstream to the low water dam at State Hwy. 44A within Quartz Mountain Nature Park, which is located in Kiowa County, 18 miles north of Altus.

### Bank Access:

Best access along the entire length of the North shore.

### Notes of Interest:

Camping and lodge facilities are available at the nearby Quartz Mountain state park. For information, call the park at (580) 563-2424.



## Lake Carl Etling

**Note:** Fishing opportunities are limited due to prolonged drought. Call (580) 474-2663 for current information.

### Trout Season:

Trout are stocked from November 1 through April 30 of the following year.

### Designated Trout Area / Size / Location:

Cimarron County, about 30 miles northwest of Boise City. 159-acre lake located within Black Mesa State Park.

### Bank Access/Boat Ramps:

Berms extending from the south bank. Boat ramps on east and south sides of the lake.

### Notes of Interest:

Camping facilities, including hookups, are available within the state park. For information, call (580) 426-2222.



## "CLOSE TO HOME" FISHING



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### Looking for a nearby lake or pond to fish?

Through agreements between Oklahoma municipalities and the Wildlife Department, these areas offer excellent "Close to Home" fishing opportunities in metro areas.

Close-to-Home Fishing waters have the following restrictions:

- Fishing is limited to no more than three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). No other fishing methods are allowed, except noodling is allowed in the North Canadian River from the NW 10th Street bridge downstream to the MacArthur Street bridge in OKC.
- All largemouth bass caught must be released (returned to the water) immediately after being taken; no harvest is allowed.
- Channel catfish and blue catfish have a combined daily limit of six; only one blue catfish over 30 inches.
- No netting of any kind (including castnetting).

For all other species, consult the statewide regulations.

#### Oklahoma City – (405) 755-4014:

- Crystal Lake (6625 SW 15th). Fishing pier may be reserved for youth-related aquatic programs. For more information, contact City Care at (405) 313-6033.
- Dolese Youth Park (5105 NW 50th)
- Edwards Park (1515 N Bryant Avenue)
- Kids Lake (3200 W Wilshire Boulevard)
- Oklahoma River from NW 10th Street bridge to NE 10th Street bridge; Wetland Ponds at Walker, Pennsylvania, and Western Avenues.
- Route 66 Park (9901 NW 23rd)

- South Lakes Regional Park (4210 SW 119th) - west pond fishing access is closed.
- Waters of the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge (5101 N Stinchcomb Avenue)
- Zoo Lake (2101 NE 50th) east shoreline only

#### Choctaw – (405) 390-8198:

- Choctaw Creek Park (NE 23rd Street and Harper Road)
- Ten Acre Park (NE 10th Street and Choctaw Road)

#### Del City – (405) 671-2868:

- Eagle Lake (3405 E Reno)

#### Edmond – (405) 216-7641:

- Hafer Park (1034 S Bryant Avenue)
- Mitch Park (1501 W Covell Road)
- Bickham-Rudkin Park (450 E 33rd Street)

#### Enid – (580) 554-1536:

- Meadowlake Park (Corner of South Van Buren St. & West Rupe Avenue)
- Government Springs North Park (300 South 5th Street)
- Crosslin Park (1600 block West Purdue Avenue)
- City of Enid Water Works (1400 block West Chestnut Avenue)

#### Guthrie – (405) 282-3535:

- Mineral Wells Park (Division and Mineral Wells Circle)
- Highland Park (Warner Avenue and N Drexel Boulevard)

#### Harrah – (405) 454-2951:

- Heritage Park (1374 N Church Avenue)

#### Jones – (405) 399-5301

- Battey Mulhousen Park (N Henney Road and W Main Street)

#### Lawton – (580) 581-3400:

- Elmer Thomas Park - Lake Helen (I-44 and NW Cache Road)

#### Moore – (405) 793-5090:

- Little River Park (700 SW 4th)
- Buck Thomas Park Pond (1903 NE 12th Street)

#### Mustang – (405) 376-7739:

- Wildhorse Park (SW 59th and Mustang Road)

#### Norman – (405) 366-5472:

- George M. Sutton Urban Wilderness Area (12th Avenue NE and Rock Creek Road)
- Norman Lions Northeast Park (1800 Northcliff Avenue)
- Griffin Community Park (1001 E Robinson)

#### Yukon – (405) 354-7208:

- City Park (2200 S Holly Street)
- Welch Park (615 Annawood Road)
- Robertson Activity Center (1200 Lakeshore Drive)

## TROUT FISHING REGULATIONS AT DOLESE YOUTH PARK POND

Through a generous donation from BancFirst, Oklahoma City provides a special trout season at Dolese Youth Park Pond from January 1 through February 28, 2012.



- Only one pole or rod and reel per person.
- Only six trout per person per day.
- No culling (see page 7 for definition).
- Bank fishing only. No wading, tubing or boating.
- An OKC fishing permit and a state fishing license are required.



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### Boating and Fishing Access Program

The next time you guide a boat down a boat ramp into your favorite fishing lake, look around for a "Sport Fish Restoration" sign. Every time you see one of those signs, you'll know you contributed to improving your fishing experience.

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) cooperates with cities, state agencies, counties and other government entities in the construction and maintenance of boating and fishing access facilities on water bodies across the state through the Sport Fish Restoration Program. The Sport Fish Restoration Program involves federal and state fish and game agencies, the sport fishing industry, anglers and boaters, and local cooperators.

Here's how it works. Wholesale manufacturers pay a 10 percent federal excise tax on most sportfishing tackle like rods, reels, artificial lures, and tackle boxes. A three percent federal excise tax is collected on electric trolling motors and certain fish finders. Duties are charged for imported fishing tackle, pleasure boats and yachts. The portion of the federal fuel tax attributable to motorboat fuel completes the funding. These tax dollars are collected by the U.S. Treasury and disbursed to the state fish and game agencies.

Boating access facility improvements have included boat ramps, boating courtesy docks, restrooms, lighting, parking areas and entrance roads.

Fishing access facility improvements have included docks designed especially for fishing, enclosed fishing docks with heat and air conditioning, fishing berms, platforms, aeration devices to oxygenate fishing ponds, restrooms, lighting, parking areas and entrance roads.

ODWC cooperates with cities, state agencies, counties and other government entities in the construction, repair and maintenance of boating and fishing access facilities on a 75 percent ODWC / 25 percent cooperator cost-share basis. For boating courtesy docks only, the ODWC may purchase and install the dock after the cooperator has contributed at least a 25 percent share.

One of the nicest aspects of both the Boating and Fishing Access facilities is that they are constructed to be totally accessible to persons with disabilities. Handicapped persons simply cannot use many of the older docks around the state. These projects will introduce many water related activities that special needs individuals have not been able to enjoy before.

For more information about the boating access program, please contact the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Fisheries Division at (405) 521-3721.

## SPORT FISH & WILDLIFE RESTORATION



Oklahoma anglers, boaters and hunters provide important funds for expanding outdoor opportunities in the state through the Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program. Here's how the program works: Hunting and fishing equipment (along with percentage of boat and small engine gasoline sales) carries a federal tax that is collected from the manufacturer. These taxes are then distributed to the state fish and wildlife agencies by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

Oklahoma anglers have benefited from these funds with expanded fishing and boating access, improved aquatic habitat and restored streams and rivers. The Sport Fish Restoration Program also supports the Aquatic Resources Education Program, which helps pass on the joys of angling to future generations.

Developed in 1988, the Aquatic Resources Education Program hosts seminars and fishing clinics all across the state where people of all ages can learn and practice fishing. During these one-day events, certified volunteer instructors work with participants to teach safe casting skills, knot tying, outdoor ethics, fish identification and other topics.

Without anglers' and boaters' support through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, aquatic education clinics would not be possible. So keep fishing, anglers, and thanks!





## The Wildlife Department owns and manages 15 small lakes ranging in size from 30 to 263 acres.

Information and maps about these lakes and their location can be obtained online at [wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/deptlake.htm](http://wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/deptlake.htm). Fishing regulations for these lakes are listed beginning on page 16. The Wildlife Department lakes include:



### 1. AMERICAN HORSE LAKE

Located 10 miles west of Geary in Blaine County. 100 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.

**Attention Anglers** - American Horse Lake is undergoing repairs. The lake level will be lowered during the renovations.

### 2. BURTSCHI

Located 10 miles southwest of Chickasha in Grady County. 180 acres. For more information, contact the SW Region Fisheries office at (580) 529-2795.

### 3. CARL ETLING

Located in Black Mesa State Park, 26 miles northwest of Boise City in Cimarron County. 159 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.

**Attention Anglers**- Fishing opportunities are limited due to prolonged drought.

### 4. DAHLGREN

Located on the Lexington Wildlife Management Area, 11 miles northeast of Lexington in Cleveland County. 30 acres. For more information, contact the OK Fishery Research Lab at (405) 325-7288.

### 5. ELMER

Located 4 miles northwest of Kingfisher in Kingfisher County. 60 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.

**Attention Anglers**- Lake Elmer is currently undergoing renovation. Water has been drained from the lake during this renovation. The project is near completion, but it will take from two to three years for stocked fish to reach harvestable size. It is illegal to transfer any fish from another body of water to Lake Elmer.

### 6. EVANS CHAMBERS

Located 18 miles west of Laverne in Beaver County. 80 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.

### 7. HALL

Located 13 miles north of Hollis in Harmon County. 36 acres. For more information, contact the SW Region Fisheries office at (580) 529-2795.

### 8. JAP BEAVER

Located 4 miles northwest of Waurika in Jefferson County. 65 acres. For more information, contact the SW Region Fisheries office at (580) 529-2795.

### 9. NANIH WAIYA

Located 1.5 miles northwest of Tuskahoma in Pushmataha County. 131 acres. For more information, contact the SE Region Fisheries office at (918) 297-0153.

### 10. OZZIE COBB

Located 6 miles northeast of Rattan in Pushmataha County. 116 acres. For more information, contact the SE Region Fisheries office at (918) 297-0153.

### 11. RAYMOND GARY

Located 1 mile east of Ft. Towson in Choctaw County. 263 acres. For more information, contact the SE Region Fisheries office at (918) 297-0153.

### 12. SCHOOLER

Located 7 miles north of Sawyer in Choctaw County. 35 acres. For more information, contact the SE Region Fisheries office at (918) 297-0153.

### 13. VANDERWORK

Located 8 miles north of Gotebo in Washita County. 135 acres. For more information, contact the SW Region Fisheries office at (580) 529-2795.

### 14. VINCENT

Located within the Ellis County Wildlife Management Area, 13 miles southwest of Arnett in Ellis County. 160 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.

### 15. WATONGA

Located within Roman Nose State Park, 7 miles north of Watonga in Blaine County. 55 acres. For more information, contact the NW Region Fisheries office at (580) 474-2663.

Maps of these areas are available at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com)

## Department Fishing Areas - PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS

The following rules and restrictions govern public use on all Wildlife Department Fishing Areas:

**Waterfowl Refuge Portion** - The Waterfowl Refuge Portion (WRP) of the following lakes / areas is closed during October 15 - January 31 to all public use and access: Canton, Hackberry Flat, Hugo, McClellan-Kerr, Red Slough, and Wister. Visit [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) for a map of the WRP portion or contact the Area Managers listed in the Oklahoma Hunting Guide.

**Fishing** - fishing is permitted at all times in accordance with regulations. "Closed areas" may be designated for purposes of safety and/or security. After 10:00 p.m. and until 5:00 a.m., all Wildlife Department fishing areas are restricted to fishing and hunting (when applicable) related activities only. No person may fish with more than two poles, except during trout seasons at Designated Trout Areas when only one pole per person is allowed. Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines, nets, seines, yo-yo's, spearguns, noodling and taking of bait minnows by any method is prohibited, except cast nets may be used to take bait for personal use only at Lake Carl Etling. Lake Dahlgren (Lexington WMA) is closed to fishing during designated controlled hunts (check current Hunting Guide for dates).

**Hunting** - always check the current Hunting Guide for season details and restrictions. All forms of hunting are permitted on Lakes Vincent, Hall, Jap Beaver, Burttschi, Nanih Waiya, Ozzie Cobb, Schooler, Evans Chambers, American Horse and Vanderwork during open hunting seasons from September 1 through spring turkey season. Hunting is restricted to shotguns and bows only. These lakes are closed to antlerless deer harvest, except during archery season. See current Hunting Guide for seasons and restrictions on lakes Vincent (Ellis County WMA) and Dahlgren (Lexington WMA). Hunting and shooting other than provided above is prohibited. "Closed areas" may be designated for purposes of safety and/or security.

**Camping** - limited to three days duration, except at the Lower Illinois River PFHA, Kiamichi River Access Area and Arcadia CEA where no camping is permitted, and at Lakes Watonga and Carl Etling where camping is limited to 14 consecutive days, and at Blue River PFHA where camping is restricted to 14 days in a 30-consecutive-day period. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas. Quiet shall be maintained in camping areas between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Operation or use of any audio-producing device including radios, televisions and musical instruments or motorized equipment used in such a manner as to reasonably annoy or endanger persons at any time or exceed state or local laws governing noise levels is prohibited.

**Boats & Motors** - must comply with existing state boat regulations and boat operators must obey Oklahoma State Boat Laws. All boats must be operated at no-wake speed (six miles per hour or less) and may not be left on the water or at areas longer than the limit on camping.

**Water Skiing** - water skiing is prohibited.

**Littering** - disposal of trash, refuse and debris, including organic and inorganic material is prohibited, except in designated trash containers.

**Motor Vehicles** - driving, occupying or parking any motor driven vehicle, except on maintained roads (unless posted as "no parking zones"), designated parking areas and camping areas is prohibited. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle in a manner to create a public nuisance or to park in a "no parking zone." Motor vehicle operators must be licensed drivers.

**Vandalism, Theft, & Damage to Property** - vandalism, theft, cutting or defacing of trees and vegetation, removal of soil, rocks, water or minerals or damage to state property is prohibited.

**Fireworks / Explosive Devices** - Possession or use of explosive devices, including fireworks and firecrackers, is prohibited.

**Swimming** - swimming is not permitted in Wildlife Department lakes.

**Dogs** - dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, except when used to hunt during legal open seasons on those areas where hunting is permitted.

**Disorderly Conduct** - no person shall use threatening, abusive or indecent language, participate in disorderly assemblage nor publicly appear nude or intoxicated on any lands owned and managed by the Wildlife Department.

**Glass beverage containers** are prohibited at Department fishing areas, except in designated camping and parking areas.

**Alcoholic Beverages/Controlled Substances** - beer and other alcoholic beverages are not allowed (as defined in O.S. Title 37, Section 163.1), except at camping and parking areas. No person shall use any controlled dangerous substance (as defined in O.S. 63, Section 2-101) on any lands or waterways subject to control of the ODWC.

### Blue River Public Fishing & Hunting Area

In addition to restrictions listed above, the following regulations apply to the Blue River PFHA:

• **Wildlife Conservation Passport** - All persons who enter or use the Blue River PFHA must possess the Wildlife Conservation Passport, unless exempt (see page 6).

• **Hours** - vehicular access is closed to all except emergency traffic from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. year-round.

• **Hunting** - always check current Hunting Guide for season details and restrictions. All hunting is restricted to shotgun and archery only. Closed to waterfowl hunting and antlerless deer harvest during deer gun season.

• **Camping** - camping is restricted to 14 days in a 30-consecutive-day period. The Area Manager may grant extensions. Extension approval will be based upon degree of area use, anticipated weekend or holiday occupancy and recreation season. Requests for extensions must be received by the Area Manager a minimum of 48 hours prior to start of extension date. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas. No person shall leave a vehicle, camper, tent or any personal property unattended for more than a 48-hour period without approval of the Area Manager. Unauthorized placement of camping equipment or other items placed at a campsite, and/or personal attendance without overnight occupancy at a campsite for the purpose of reserving a campsite for future occupancy is prohibited. All property removed from unauthorized placement at a campsite will be at the owner's expense and liability.

• **Carl R. & Ruth Walker Landrum Wilderness Area & Plaster Wildlife Management Unit** - special rules pertain to these areas, including walk-in access only (except where wheelchair access provided), no camping, and no swimming.

### Arcadia Conservation Education Area

• **Fishing** - walk-in fishing is allowed year-round on the Arcadia Lake shoreline within the conservation area. No overnight fishing allowed. Fishing is not allowed on the ponds or wetland areas.

• **Hunting** - All hunting seasons are closed except controlled archery deer hunts, which are offered through the City of Edmond. For more information log on to [edmondok.com](http://edmondok.com).

• No camping allowed.

• Closed to all nonhunting and nonfishing activities Oct. 1 - Jan. 15.

• For additional information, contact Damon Springer, (405) 396-2223.

### Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area - Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit

No camping permitted. All hunting is restricted to shotguns with pellets or archery equipment only. See Hunting Guide for open hunting seasons.



# OKLAHOMA LAKES

## Municipal Lakes

Name	Acres	Phone
<b>Ardmore City Lakes:</b>		
Ardmore	142	(580) 223-4844
Jean Neustadt	462	(580) 223-4844
Mountain Lake	210	(580) 561-6145
Scott King	248	(580) 223-4844
Atoka	5,700	(580) 889-2410
Bell Cow	1,000	(405) 258-3212
Bluestem	762	(918) 287-4692
Carl Blackwell	3,370	(405) 372-5157
Chickasha	1,950	(405) 453-7915
<b>Duncan City Lakes:</b>		
Clear Creek	722	(580) 255-9538
Duncan	500	(580) 255-9538
Fuqua	1,500	(580) 255-9538
Humphreys	882	(580) 255-9538
Durant	315	(580) 920-0879
Ellsworth	5,600	(580) 529-2663
Frederick	925	(580) 397-3291
Guthrie/Liberty	274/167	(405) 282-3306
Holdenville	550	(405) 712-0976
Langston	304	(405) 466-3303
Lawtonka	2,398	(580) 529-2663
Lone Chimney	550	(405) 762-3581
Longmire	1,000	(405) 238-2007
McAlester	1,529	(918) 421-4942
McMurtry/Boomer	1,155/260	(405) 747-8085
Okemah	780	(918) 623-1539
<b>Oklahoma City Lakes:</b>		
Hefner	2,580	(405) 313-6033
Overholser	1,700	(405) 313-6033
Stanley Draper	2,800	(405) 313-6033
Pauls Valley	750	(405) 238-6728
Ponca	805	(580) 767-0430
Rocky	347	(580) 726-3100
Shawnee 1 & 2	2,436	(405) 878-1529
Sunset	10	(580) 338-3396
<b>Tulsa City Lakes:</b>		
Eucha	2,880	(918) 253-4344
Spavinaw	1,637	(918) 598-2460
Wes Watkins	1,000	(405) 964-4507
Wintersmith Park	10	(580) 436-8110

## Division of State Parks:

The lakes owned and operated by the Division of State Parks (1-800-654-8240, before 5:00 p.m.) include:

Name	Acres	Phone (after 5 p.m.)
Carlton Lake	465	(918) 465-2565
Clayton Lake	66	(918) 569-7981
Crowder	158	(580) 343-2443
Greenleaf	920	(918) 487-5196
Murray Lake	5,728	(580) 223-4044
Wayne Wallace	94	(918) 465-2565

## Grand River Dam Authority:

The lakes owned and operated by the Grand River Dam Authority are:

Name	Acres	Phone
Grand Lake	46,500	(918) 782-9594
Hudson Lake	10,900	(918) 782-9594
W. R. Holway	712	(918) 782-9594

## Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. (OG&E):

Private lakes owned by OG&E.

Name	Acres	Phone
Konawa	1,350	(580) 925-2071
Sooner	5,400	(405) 553-2919

## Bureau of Reclamation:

Name	Acres	Contact
Altus-Lugert	6,260	(580) 563-2238
Arbuckle	2,350	(580) 622-3161
Ft. Cobb	4,100	(405) 643-2249
Foss	8,800	(580) 592-4433
McGee Creek	3,810	(580) 889-5822
Tom Steed	6,400	(580) 569-2032
Thunderbird	6,070	(405) 360-3572

## U.S. Forest Service:

Three small lakes owned by the U.S. Forest Service:

Name	Acres	Phone
Skipout	45	(580) 497-2143
Black Kettle	75	(580) 497-2143
Spring Creek	30	(580) 497-2143

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Daily information on lake levels, water releases and water clarity: (918) 669-7521.

Name	Acres	Project Office Phone
Arcadia	1,820	(405) 396-8026
Birch	1,137	(918) 396-3170
Broken Bow	14,200	(580) 494-6374
Canton	7,910	(580) 886-2989
Chouteau	2,270	(918) 682-4314
Copan	4,850	(918) 532-4334
Eufaula	105,500	(918) 484-5135
Ft. Gibson	19,900	(918) 682-4314
Ft. Supply	1,820	(580) 766-2701
Great Salt Plains	8,690	(580) 626-4731
Heyburn	880	(918) 247-6391
Hugo	13,250	(580) 326-3345
Hulah	3,570	(918) 532-4334
Kaw	17,040	(580) 762-5611
Keystone	23,610	(918) 865-2621
Newt Graham	1,490	(918) 682-4314
Oologah	29,460	(918) 443-2250
Optima	Variable	(580) 886-2989
Pine Creek	3,750	(580) 933-4239
R. S. Kerr	43,800	(918) 775-4475
Sardis	13,610	(918) 569-4131
Skiatook	10,180	(918) 396-3170
Tenkiller Ferry	12,900	(918) 487-5252
Texoma	88,000	(903) 465-4990
W.D. Mayo	1,595	(918) 775-4475
Waurika	10,100	(580) 963-2111
Webbers Falls	11,600	(918) 487-5252
Wister	7,333	(918) 655-7206



Lake Site	Dock / Pad	Enclosed	Covered	♿	Location	Phone
Ag. Experimental	•			•	Woodward, west shore	(580) 256-2280
Altus Lugert			•		State Park	(580) 563-2238
Arcadia		•		•	Spring Creek Park	(405) 216-7470
Arcadia	•			•	The Point	(405) 216-7470
Ardmore	•			•	Regional Pkwy. area	(580) 223-4844
Bell Cow			•	•	Area B	(405) 258-3212
Birch	•			•	Birch Cove	(918) 847-2220
Bixhoma	•			•	Northwest shoreline	(918) 366-4430
Blue River	•			•	Blue River PFH Area	(580) 443-5728
Boswell	•			•	East shoreline	(580) 566-2211
Bristow	•			•	East shoreline	(918) 367-6233
Brushy	•			•	Boat Ramp	(918) 775-6507
Burtschi	•			•	NE and South sides	(405) 224-2513
Canton	•			•	Courtesy Dock	(580) 886-2989
Carl Blackwell		•		•	Store Cove	(405) 372-5157
Chandler	•				Dam area	(405) 258-3212
Claremore	•			•	Ranger station	(918) 341-1238
Clayton	•				Area 1	(918) 569-7981
Clear Creek		•			Southwest corner	(580) 255-9538
Crystal	•			•	OKC, Southeast corner	(405) 313-6033
Dahlgren	•			•	Lexington WMA	(405) 325-7288
Dolese	•			•	OKC, West shoreline	(405) 755-4014
Dripping Springs	•			•	Clovis Point	(918) 756-5971
Duncan		•		•	Concession area	(580) 255-9538
Ellsworth			•		Ralph's Resort	(580) 529-2663
Eufaula		•			Bell Starr Marina	(918) 689-2132
Eufaula	•				Crowder	(918) 334-4678
Eufaula	•			•	Eufaula Cove	(918) 689-7723
Eufaula		•			Evergreen	(918) 799-5404
Eufaula		•			Lake Eufaula Marina	(918) 689-7337
Fort Cobb			•		State Park	(580) 563-2238
Ft. Gibson		•			Sequoyah Bay Marina	(918) 687-4073
Ft. Gibson		•			Paradise Cove Marina	(918) 772-3270
Fuqua		•		•	Concession Area	(580) 255-9538
Garrison Crk.	•			•	Roland	(918) 427-5779
Govt. Springs	•			•	North side	(580) 234-4000
Grand		•			Blue Bluff Harbor	(918) 786-5531
Grand		•			Four Seasons Resort	(918) 786-5512
Grand	•				Honey Creek SP	(918) 786-9447
Grand		•			Long's Resort	(918) 786-2332
Grand		•			Twin Bridges SP	(918) 542-6969
Grand	•			•	Wolf Creek	(918) 786-6107
Greenleaf	•	•		•	State Park area	(918) 487-5196
Hall	•			•	Boat ramp area	(580) 529-2795
Hefner		•		•	OKC Boat Marina	(405) 755-4014
Hefner			•		Fireman's Neck	(405) 755-4014
Hefner			•	•	Hefner Golf Course	(405) 755-4014
Holdenville			•	•	New boat ramp area	(405) 712-0976
Hominy	•			•	West side of dam	(918) 885-2164

Lake Site	Dock / Pad	Enclosed	Covered	♿	Location	Phone
Honor Heights	•			•	Muskogee	(918) 684-6302
Hudson		•			Hudson Lake Marina	(918) 434-6099
Hudson		•		•	Dogwood Marina	(918) 434-5181
Humphreys		•		•	Area "A" concession	(580) 255-9538
Hunter Park	•			•	Tulsa	(918) 299-2334
Jean Neustadt	•			•	Boat ramp area	(580) 223-4844
Keystone		•		•	Keyport Marina	(918) 865-3321
Lions Park NE	•			•	Norman	(405) 366-5471
McGee Creek	•				Buster Hight area	(580) 889-5822
McMurtry			•	•	West boat ramp area	(405) 747-8085
Murray	•			•	Lake Murray SP	(580) 223-4044
Mt. Fork River	•			•	Beaver's Bend SP	(580) 494-6301
Nichols Park				•	Henryetta	(918) 652-3348
Okmulgee			•	•	Dam area	(918) 756-5971
Overholser			•		West shoreline	(405) 313-6033
Owen Park	•			•	Tulsa	(918) 299-2334
Pawhuska	•			•	2 in boat ramp area	(918) 287-3040
Ponca		•		•	Spillway Cove	(580) 767-0430
Porum	•				Northwest side	(918) 484-2516
Prague	•				Boat ramp area	(405) 567-2805
Pretty Water	•			•	Sapulpa	(918) 227-1534
Purcell	•			•	Southeast corner	(405) 527-6561
Sahoma	•	•		•	North side	(918) 227-1534
Sardis	•			•	Potato Hills South	(918) 569-4146
Scott King	•			•	Recreation area	(580) 223-4844
Shawnee #1		•			Lake Headquarters	(405) 878-1529
Shawnee #2	•				Boat ramp area	(405) 878-1529
Skiatook		•			Crystal Bay Marina	(918) 396-4240, x202
Sportsman's			•		Seminole	(405) 257-3600
Stanley Draper	•			•	Points 4,6,19,23	(405) 313-6033
Stigler	•			•	North shoreline	(918) 967-2164
Sunset	•			•	Guymon	(580) 338-3396
Tenkiller		•			Burnt Cabin Marina	(918) 457-5421
Tenkiller		•			Caney Ridge Marina	(918) 457-4417
Tenkiller	•				Cherokee Landing SP	(918) 457-5716
Tenkiller		•			Pettit Bay Marina	(918) 457-5728
Texoma	•				Rooster Creek area	(580) 564-2566
Thunderbird	•				Fisherman's Point	(405) 360-3572
Thunderbird	•	•		•	Little Axe	(405) 360-3572
Thunderbird	•	•		•	Turkey Pass	(405) 360-3572
Tom Steed			•		Great Plains State Park	(580) 569-2032
Waurika		•			Wichita Ridge Marina	(580) 963-3531
Wetumka	•			•	Park area, SE shoreline	(405) 452-3879
Wintersmith	•				Ada	(580) 436-8110
Wister	•			•	Quarry Island	(918) 655-7756
Zink	•			•	Tulsa, 31st and Riverside	(918) 596-2001

**Note:** Be aware some fishing docks may charge a user fee.



Ben Davis

## OKLAHOMA'S LICENSED FISHING GUIDES

Fishing guides must possess an Oklahoma fishing guide license. This license costs \$90 unless the guide provides Coast Guard Mariner credentials, in which case the license costs \$20. For a complete, up-to-date list of licensed guides in Oklahoma, visit [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com)

## Do You Care About Wildlife?

**Operation Game Thief (OGT)** is a program of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation designed specifically to stop illegal killing of the fish and game which belong to YOU, whether you're an angler, sportsman or outdoor enthusiast. It's a big problem with no simple solution. Help from public sportsmen and women makes all the difference. Here's why:

- One day before the opening of a recent deer season, two poachers killed four whitetail bucks.
- Late one summer night, three men steered their boat across a state reservoir, stopped at their illegal net site and hauled in a load of striped bass and other open-water fish they could sell for \$1 a pound on the commercial market.

In each of these examples, you were the loser. You lost hunting and fishing opportunities or the chance to view wildlife in their natural surroundings. At the same time, law-abiding sportsmen received a bad reputation from those who fail to distinguish between legal and illegal hunting. OGT is something everyone can do to help wildlife and help us apprehend the poachers.

## What to Look For When Reporting a Violation: Getting the information a game warden will need

When reporting a violation, please note as many facts as possible. You will be asked a variety of questions and the more information you can provide, the better chance the violator can be caught, and the case successfully prosecuted. **Do not attempt to stop a violation yourself or to detain those responsible. Be safe, and be a good witness!**

- What happened? What type of violation was it? When and where did it happen? Give the date, time and location, number of shots, etc.
- Give as much information as possible about the suspect or suspects- name, address, telephone, physical description (age, weight, height, hair color, eyes, clothing and any other pertinent information).
- Were firearms involved in the violation? Was the firearm visible or is it concealed in some way? Describe the number and type of weapons.
- Describe the suspect's vehicle - make, year, color, style. License number and any other distinguishing feature like rusted spots or mismatched paint and dents?
- What animals or fish were involved, how many, and where are they now?
- Do you know about any other physical evidence - like hides, entrails, guns, cartridge cases, knives and such?
- Has the illegal game or evidence been moved or will it be moved soon? How is it being transported, and where is it being stored?
- Were there other witnesses? Give their names and any other information about the violation, suspect or violations that you may have noted.

It is always best to call the game warden stationed in the county in which the violation occurred. Game wardens numbers are listed on page 40 or online. You can also report a violation by calling 1 (800) 522-8039 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can remain anonymous.



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Thanks to generous contributions from the Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International and Safari Club International, the Department has equipped a traveling trailer to highlight the importance of obeying game laws. The Operation Game Thief trailer is hitting the roads and educating Oklahomans young and old about wildlife conservation. Keep your eyes peeled - it may be coming to an area near you!





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**Do I, and/or my family members, have to purchase a fishing license if I'm fishing on my own land?**

Resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses who fish on ponds owned or leased by such owner or tenant do not have to have a fishing license.

**I lost my fishing license. Do I have to buy another one to fish?**

No, you can obtain a replacement license. Visit [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) to download a replacement application, or send us the following: type of license you lost (i.e. annual, lifetime or senior citizen's), your name, date of birth, address, driver's license or social security number, location and approximate date of when you purchased your license. Replacement costs are as follows: annual licenses, \$1.50; 5-year licenses, \$5; lifetime licenses and senior citizen licenses, \$10. Mail your replacement application and a money order to: ODWC, License Section, P.O. Box 53465, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.

Annual licenses purchased at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) can be replaced for \$4.50 by returning to the license sales page.

**Is it legal to take fish from one body of water and stock / release them into another body of water?**

It is not legal to take fish from one body of water and release them into public waters. Not only the fish, but the water they are in, can contain aquatic nuisance species such as largemouth bass virus that could contaminate another entire body of water if released. Stocking fish species into public waters is the responsibility of the ODWC, not the public. However, an angler may take legally-caught fish in their possession and release them into private waters. We discourage this practice because of the very real threat of spreading aquatic nuisance species into the receiving waters.

**Why is culling not allowed for stripers, hybrids, paddlefish and trout?**

These species stress easily and will die after being held in a livewell or on a stringer. Once you keep one of these species you cannot release it.

**Where is a good place to go bass fishing?**

For ODWC fish population survey information, check out our Web site at [www.wildlifedepartment.com](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com) and look under "Fishing."

**Since the government helped pay for flood control lakes across the state, doesn't everyone have a right to fish in them?**

Watershed lakes, or flood control ponds, dot the Oklahoma landscape from border to border. Some anglers mistakenly believe that the public is entitled access to these ponds, which can create conflicts between landowners and envious anglers.

Because they are on private land, these flood control ponds are not open to public access. Most watershed reservoirs were, and still are, built with technical assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Primarily constructed to prevent downstream flooding, these mini-reservoirs allow for increased agriculture and other land use opportunities. Fisheries development is not a primary consideration when building or planning a flood control pond and, if there happens to be good fishing in one of these ponds, it is because the landowner has taken efforts to make it happen.

Permission to fish one of these ponds is entirely at the landowner's discretion. If asked, many may allow responsible anglers to spend a day fishing their pond, but always ask first.

**When can I get a senior citizens license?**

The senior citizen lifetime license is available to Oklahomans who have been residents for 6 months and will be turning 65 or older during the calendar year. The applications are available from license dealers, game wardens, any Wildlife Department installation and the Internet, but purchased only through the Wildlife Department's headquarters. If an individual was born before January 1, 1923, they are exempt from this license and only need to carry proof of age and residency, i.e. driver's license. These individuals receive the same privileges as the senior citizen's license without having to purchase it.

**Who qualifies for a disability license?**

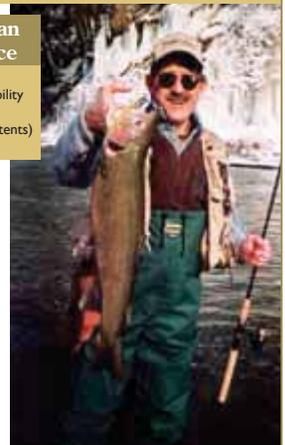
The disability license is available to any individual who has been a resident of Oklahoma for six months and is receiving disability benefits through Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement, United States Postal Service, or Multiple Injury Trust Fund. Applications can be downloaded from [wildlifedepartment.com/apps.htm](http://wildlifedepartment.com/apps.htm) or requested from the Wildlife Department. Proper verification of receipt of benefits from the appropriate organization must be submitted with a completed application. Questions or need an application? Call (405) 521-3852.

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